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HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION.

ESTABLISHMENT OF

FREE MASONRY IN VERMONT.

By GEORGE F. KOON.

VERMONT LODGE.

To give a detailed account of the union of the New Hampshire towns with Vermont would occupy too much space and probably would not particularly interest Masonic readers, but that the uninformed may understand why the original petition for a charter for Vermont Lodge was dated at "Cornish, Vermont," and why the lodge met at Charlestown, N. H., in place of Springfield, Vt., which was the town specified in the charter, it is thought proper to state that in 1778 a number of towns in New Hampshire bordering on the Connecticut river placed themselves under the control of Vermont, or in other words, united with that State. Referring to the causes which produced those events, Ira Allen says: "These measures drew the attention of the people, so that a petition from sixteen towns (including Hanover and others on the east side of Connecticut river) was presented to the Legislature of Vermont at their first session in March, 1778, * * * * and requested Vermont to receive them into union and confederation." At the next session of the Legislature, an act was passed authorizing said sixteen towns to elect and send members to the Legislature of Vermont at their next session. At the session of the General Assembly held October 1778, delegates from at least eight towns in New Hampshire took their seats in the General Assembly of Vermont,

and one of their number—Hon. Bezaleel Woodward, professor of mathematics in Dartmouth College, son-in-law of President Wheelock—was elected clerk of the Assembly. Consulting Ira Allen's history again, we learn that "on the meeting of the Legislature of Vermont at Windsor, February 12th, 1779, to get rid of a connection which had occasioned so much trouble and danger, the Assembly passed an act, dissolving the union of the sixteen towns in New Hampshire." The continued postponement by Congress of decisive action upon the petition of Vermont for admission into the Union (which was a virtual refusal to admit them) completely exasperated the Vermont leaders. A plan was concocted [1780] by Ira Allen and Luke Knowlton, which resulted in the annexation of Western New Hampshire and a large part of the northeastern section of New York to Vermont. In 1781, delegates from at least seventeen towns in New Hampshire and nine towns in New York took their seats in the General Assembly of Vermont. "At the September election, 1781, there was no election of lieutenant-governor by the people, and Col Elisha Payne [delegate from Lebanon, N. H.] was elected by the Governor and Council, in conjunction with the Assembly."

The union of the New Hampshire towns with Vermont, though no doubt satisfactory to the settlers, could not be overlooked by New Hampshire. The attempt by the latter State to serve a civil process in these refractory towns soon brought matters to a crisis. The officers of Vermont had imprisoned two persons belonging to New Hampshire, and the Committee of Safety ordered Col. Hale, the High Sheriff of Cheshire County, to release the prisoners. In executing the order, Col. Hale was imprisoned himself, Dec. 6th, 1781, and only the most energetic action of the prominent leaders prevented a civil war. The 22d of February, 1782, the General Assembly of Vermont passed a resolution which dissolved the union of the New York and New Hampshire towns with Vermont.

In making the foregoing quotations and selections from the political history of Vermont and New Hampshire, the writer has endeavored to show that for a period of four years ending Feb-

ruary, 1782, both sides of the Connecticut river were, to some extent, common territory. Settled, as that district was, by people who were friends and neighbors in Connecticut and Massachusetts, having similar likes and dislikes, and a large portion members of one church, it was difficult to make them understand why their separation by the Connecticut river should in any way interfere with their happiness, and any plan which aimed at a consolidation of this territory lying in the Connecticut Valley, was eagerly embraced and followed to the end. As a fact pertinent to this matter, we remark that there is ample proof to show that it was the aim and desire of the settlers in the Connecticut Valley, to take a portion of New Hampshire and a part of Vermont and form a new State, with Charlestown, Windsor, or some river town, for the capital.

We now proceed to speak of the Masonic history of Vermont Lodge. The eighth of November, 1781, a petition dated Cornish, Vermont, "praying for the establishment of a Lodge in that place," was presented to the St. Andrews Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which being read, "whereupon, voted that a charter be issued accordingly." A charter, dated November 10th, 1781, locating the Lodge at Springfield, Vermont, was granted. The following is a literal copy of the first meeting of Vermont Lodge under its charter.

VERMONT LODGE RECORDS.

"Vermont Lodge, held under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge as per charter affixed at Boston, first held at the house of Abel Walker, inn-holder in Charlestown No. 4, State New Hampshire, Thursday, November ye 29, 1781, A. L. 5781.

Those of the members then present:

R. W. John Barratt,	Master, P. T.
Phineas Hutchins,	Senior Warden, P. T.
George Eager,	Junior Warden, P. T.
Stephen Alvord.	

Visiting Br. Geo. Kimball.

Nov. 29, A. L. 5781. Proposals for initiation by the

R. W. John Barratt,	Josiah Goldsmith, James Bowtwell, Daniel Gould, Stephen Jacob.
Brother Hutchins,	Ezra Styles, Elkany Day.
Brother Eager,	Amos Babcock.

Lodge closed till Tuesday, the 18th December, to meet at Brother Bowen's in Charlestown."

The 18th of December, the Lodge met and elected its officers for the first time, as follows:

JOHN BARRETT,	Master.
RANNA COSSETT,	Senior Warden.
ALEXANDER RALSTON,	Junior Warden.
EBENEZER GREEN,	Senior Deacon.
JOHN HOUSE,	Junior Deacon.
CHARLES BOWEN,	Treasurer.
GEO. KIMBALL,	Secretary.
MOSES EMERSON,	Toiler.

With few exceptions, Colonel Barrett was Master of the Lodge from its organization until 1788. Col. George Kimball, for four years the Secretary, was the husband of Elizabeth Captive Johnson, the child born upon a flat rock in the town of Cavendish, while its mother was an Indian captive. The 28th December, 1781, "Voted, the founders of this Lodge whose names are in the charter, and Brothers Kimball and Stiles, who have not been passed and raised to the third degree of Masonry, be passed and raised without any expense to themselves." The 27th December, 1781, Rev. Bulkley Olcott, delivered "an excellent sermon" and Brother Ezra Stiles an oration. The festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were held regularly. All business except the conferring of degrees was transacted while the Lodge was open on the first degree. In place of presenting a written petition for initiation, the following course was pursued: "Brother Williams proposed for initiation Samuel Dexter. The Lodge being well informed of his character, proceeded to ballot. Balloted in Samuel Dexter, made Mason Samuel Dexter." Initiation

did not include membership, that is, two ballots were taken, one for initiation and one for membership.

The fee for initiation was three pounds and twelve shillings. The Lodge does not appear to have had dues. Visitors were charged a fee of one shilling and sixpence. Notes were received by the Lodge for initiation fees. The stewards presented a bill frequently, which usually amounted to about twenty-four shillings. The fee for affiliation was eighteen shillings. Commencing with December 3, 1783, the records are headed "Vermont Lodge, No. 17," from which we learn that Massachusetts numbered her Lodges in early times. The records show that from its organization in 1781, down to Aug. 20, 1788, the Lodge met at Charlestown, N. H.

From the minutes of May 17, 1787, we learn that the Lodge were in some doubt as to the propriety of their meeting at Charlestown, N. H., contrary to the place specified in the charter, which was Springfield, Vt.

The 4th of July, 1787, the Lodge voted "thirty-six shillings to be *disbursted* out of the funds to those brethren who contributed the same to Brother James Alexander Jameson, a member of Union Lodge, No. 137, Savannah in Georgia." Up to Feb. 1, 1786, the financial account of the Lodge was kept in the minutes, a sum total of the funds being carried forward from one meeting to the next. The last entry shows that the Lodge had in the treasury two hundred and twenty-nine pounds, twelve shillings and seven pence.

March 6, 1788, Voted, that "the expense of the new charter which is procured in Boston for the holding a Lodge in Charlestown be paid out of the funds of Vermont Lodge."

This was the commencement of the steps taken for the division of the funds and removal of Vermont Lodge across the river into Vermont.

The charter referred to above was for Faithful Lodge at Charlestown, and was granted by Mass. Feb. 2, 1788. Faithful and Dartmouth Lodges at Hanover, which were chartered by Mass. the 18th December, 1788, were the fourth and fifth Lodges established in N. H. The last entry in the record book is as follows:

"Aug. 20, 1788, Voted, that a committee of five be chosen to look into the state of Vermont Lodge No. 17, and make what they conceive an equitable division between the members in the state of New Hampshire, and the members of the State of Vermont of the same and make report the next Lodge night."

The report of the foregoing committee is not in the old record book, but fortunately it is preserved in the records of Faithful Lodge of Charlestown, which was organized about the time Vermont Lodge was removed into the State of Vermont proper. The report is as follows:

Property of Vermont Lodge divided Feb. 4th, 1789.

VERMONT.	FAITHFUL.
Books of Records and Bye-Laws 1 of.	1 Chest 1 of

Linsey Sash divided one-half to each.

Master's Jewel. 1 Deacon's Jewel. Secretary. Junior and Senior Warden.	1 Deacon's Jewel. Square & dividers.

Sashes divided one-half to each.

Ribbons for Jewels divided one-half to each.

Treasurer's Jewel. Balloting Box Cloth. Clothing Sword.	Calcutta Tin Hammers. Candlesticks.

Seal to be accounted for by Vermont Lodge.

Books.	Chest.

BENJ. MOORE,
STEPHEN JACOB,
JAMES MARTIN.

Then follows a long list of notes.

Concerning the exact date of the removal of Vermont Lodge from Charlestown, N. H., to Springfield, Vt., the reader can decide as well as the writer. The appointment of the committee to divide the property the 20th Aug., 1788, and the report of said committee Feb. 4th, 1789, is all we have been able to find relating to this matter.

A petition, dated 14th May, 1795, was presented to the Grand Lodge, praying for the removal of Vermont Lodge from Springfield to Windsor, which was granted, and since that date

the lodge has met at Windsor, until Sept. 19th, 1831, when, owing to the anti-masonic pressure, it suspended. In 1846, when the Grand Lodge was reorganized, Vermont lodge was not represented. In 1850, a petition was presented to and granted by the Grand Lodge for a lodge at Windsor, whereby old Vermont lodge, No. 1, again came into existence, and was assigned the subordinate rank of No. 18, in place of her former honored position The date of the present charter is January 10th, 1850.

The original Massachusetts charter was burned many years ago. The only record book known to exist prior to 1818, size 18 by 12 inches square, contains the records from the organization of the lodge to Aug. 20, 1788, inclusive. Below we give the names of those who received one or more degrees during that period.

Timothy Carleton,	I.	Mar. 7, 1782
Isaiah Eton,	I.	Mar. 7, 1782
Benjamin Sumner,	C.	Mar. 7, 1782
Shubal Geer,	I.	Mar. 18, 1782
Moses Emerson,	C.	Apl. 3, 1782
Isaac Farwell,	R.	Apl. 3, 1782
Joseph Farnsworth,	I.	June 3, 1782
Solomon Grout,	I.	June 24, 1782
John Chester Williams,	I.	June 24, 1782
Alexander Parmlee,	I.	June 24, 1782
Benjamin Tyler,	I.	June 24, 1782
Ira Allen,	I.	June 26, 1782
Thomas Chittenden,	I.	June 26, 1782
Jonas Fay,	C.	June 26, 1782
Eleazer Wheelock,	I.	July 4, 1782
Jonathan Willard,	Admitted,	July 4, 1782
Roger Enos,	"	Aug. 7, 1782
Abraham Ives,	I.	Aug. 7, 1782
Ebenezer Rice,	I.	Aug. 7, 1782
Christopher Osgood,	I.	Sept. 4, 1782
Samuel Dexter,	I.	Sept. 30, 1782
Nathan Stone,	I.	Oct. 2, 1782
James Wheelock,	I.	Oct. 2, 1782

James Eastman,	I.	Dec. 26, 1782
Ebenezer Geer,	I.	Dec. 26, 1782
Samuel Smith,	I.	Dec. 26, 1782
Nathan Fisk,	I.	Dec. 26, 1782
Thaddeus Munson,	Admitted,	Dec. 27, 1782
Stephen Jacob,	C.	Dec. 27, 1782
Thaddeus Munson,	C.	Dec. 28, 1782
Alexander Plumley,	I.	Mar. 5, 1783
Noadiah Bissell,	I.	Apl. 2, 1783
Amos Fisk,	I.	Apl. 9, 1783
Salmon Richardson,	I.	Apl. 18, 1783
Jonathan Parker,	I.	May 13, 1783
John Train,	I.	May 13, 1783
Oliver Lovell,	I.	Oct. 2, 1783
Luther Eames,	I.	Dec. 3, 1783
Andrew Peters,	C.	Dec. 31, 1783
Samuel Atkins,	C.	Dec. 31, 1783
James Bates,	I.	Apl. 7, 1784
Enoch Bean,	C.	Apl. 7, 1784
John Strowbridge,	C.	May 5, 1784
William B. Sumner,	I.	June 2, 1784
Ephraim Tyler,	I.	June 2, 1784
Seth Putnam,	I.	June 2, 1784
George Sparhawk,	I.	June 21, 1784
B. Wait,	R.	June 25, 1784
—— Hubbard,	R.	June 25, 1784
Eleazer Marble,	C.	Aug. 4, 1784
Wats Hubbard,	I.	Sept. 1, 1784
Capt. Edmond Hodges,	I.	Sept. 1, 1784
Oliver Waters,	I.	Oct. 6, 1784
Sherman Lathrop,	I.	Nov. 4, 1784
Jonathan Grout,	I.	Nov. 4, 1784
Oliver Hastings,	I.	Dec. 1, 1784
Abijah Brooks,	C.	Jan. 5, 1785
James H. Hill,	I.	Mar. 2, 1785
Jehosaphat Grout,	C.	June 5, 1785
Alpheus Moore,	I.	Mar. — 1785

Asa Leach,	I.	Jan. 16, 1786
James Martin,	C.	June 7, 1786
Asa Holden,	I.	Dec. 6, 1786
Lemuel Hedge,	R.	Jan. 3, 1787
Roger Bates,	C.	May 17, 1787

The charter members, with brief sketches of their lives, were as follows:

COL. JOHN BARRETT,

Of Springfield, Vt., was the first Master of Vermont Lodge, a position he held some years. Next to Gen. R. Morris, he was the most influential man in town. He is believed to have been born in Middletown, Conn., in 1731. He came to Springfield at an early day, was clerk of the proprietors, afterwards Town Clerk, and in all the duties appertaining to Town and County matters, he was a prominent actor. He received his appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel of a Regiment in Gloucester and Cumberland counties, Vermont, from the New York Council of Safety, January 27th, 1776. The 7th of September, 1776, General Gates ordered Col. Barrett "to cut the road from Charlestown, number four, to the foot of Mount Independence, taking care to construct a good bridge over Otter Creek, at or near the falls at Rutland," which task was faithfully performed. In 1778, he was a delegate to the General Assembly of Vermont, and a member of various important committees. He was a charter member, also, of Olive Branch Lodge at Chester. The 3rd of December, 1806, he was accidentally drowned in the Black River, Vermont, at the age of 75 years. The 20th of February, 1763, one John Barrett was initiated in Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Conn., who, in the opinion of the writer, was Col. Barrett.

CAPT. AMOS EMERSON,

Of Chester, N. H., was a soldier of the Revolution. As Lieutenant in Captain Hutchins' Company, Colonel Reid's Regiment, he faced the British troops behind the redoubt at "Breed's Hill," in front of which, history tells us, the British troops fell like leaves in the forest, under the galling fire of the hardy boys from the New

Hampshire hills. He was promoted to captain and served at West Point, New Jersey, and other places, under Colonel Joseph Cilley. His term of service was five years, and possibly during the entire war of the Revolution. After the war he removed to Candia, N. H., where he died in 1823, leaving several children. He married in 1762 Susannah, daughter of Captain Abel Morse.

LIEUTENANT BARTLETT HINDS.

Concerning this man, the writer has been up to this time unable to procure any information. There was a family of Hinds at Charlestown, N. H., near the close of the last century, of which possibly Lieutenant Hinds was a member. He visited the Lodge twice in 1781. After that date his name does not appear. He served in the Revolution, as Lieutenant. Was made a Mason in Washington Army Lodge No. 10.

DR. THOMAS STERNE

Was a resident of Claremont, N. H. He removed to Windsor, where he resided many years. The inscription upon his tombstone in the old cemetery at Windsor is as follows: "In memory of Dr. Thomas Sterne, who died 24th Nov. 1816, in the 72nd year of his age." The people of Windsor believe that he originally came from Connecticut.

STEPHEN ALVORD

Was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H. He visited the Lodge but six times from its organization to 1788. The 27th December, 1786, he was "discontinued as member of this Lodge" by his own request. Shortly after this date, he removed from town.

COLONEL JOHN HOUSE

Was an early settler of Hanover, N. H., and a prominent officer in the revolution. Was one of the original proprietors of Dorchester, N. H. He owned at one time two islands in the Connecticut river, opposite Hanover. Was appointed in 1771, with

others, to lay out a road from Pemigewassett River to Dartmouth College Was one of the grantees of Randolph, Vt. His bill for surveying the road from Dartmouth College to Plymouth was allowed by the General Assembly, N. H., the 10th Feb., 1773. He served as captain under Colonel Joseph Cilley in 1777–78–79. Represented the town of Hanover, N. H., in the General Assembly of Vermont in 1780.

COLONEL TIMOTHY BEDELL

Was an early settler of Haverhill, N. H., having moved to that section from Salem, N. H. He was at Haverhill as early as 1762, boarding with Uriah Morse. His history is best learned by reference to the offices he held during the period of the Indian wars from 1754 to 1763, and also during the revolutionary period. In 1775, July 6, he was appointed captain of the first company of Rangers. In 1776, he had the command of a regiment raised in the northern part of the state, for service in Canada. At "the Cedars," his regiment surrendered ingloriously to the enemy, and Colonel Bedell suffered in consequence in reputation; but the facts of the unfortunate disaster exonerated him completely, as he was on his way to Montreal, to obtain reinforcements, and his regiment at the Fort of the Cedars was under the command of Major Butterfield. Colonel Bedell, after the revolution, enjoyed largely the public confidence, and besides holding important civil offices, was major-general of the second division of N. H. Militia. He was the ancestor of General John Bedell, a distinguished officer of the late Union Army. He was one of the grantees of Newbury, Vt. He married Mary, daughter of Captain James and Susannah Johnson. His wife was sister of Elizabeth Captive Johnson, so often referred to in history, who was born while her mother was an Indian prisoner, in the forest within the limits of the present town of Cavendish, Vt He was one of the Vermont Board of War in 1781. He represented the towns of Lyman, Morristown and Bath, N. H., in the General Assembly of Vermont in 1781. His name appears in the list of members of Union Lodge No. 1. Albany, N. Y.

CAPTAIN EBENEZER GREEN

Was a resident of Thetford, Vt., and afterwards of Lyme, N. H. In 1768, he was one of the selectmen of Thetford. The 27th of Nov., 1770, was appointed Constable of Gloucester Co., Vt., by the New York court then sitting in that county. The 27th of May, 1772, he petitioned the General Assembly of New Hampshire for the privilege of a ferry from Thetford, Vt., to Lyme, N. H. Was one of the proprietors of the town of Orange, Vt. During the union of the New Hampshire towns with Vermont, he represented the town of Lyme in the General Assembly of Vermont in 1781. He served as Captain in Colonel Bedell's Regiment, and was probably at the surrender of that regiment at "the Cedars," referred to in the sketch of Colonel Bedell. He was left as a hostage in Canada by Arnold, March 1st, 1783, and was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel in the 12th Regiment N. H. militia. He was made a Mason in Masters Lodge, Albany, N. Y., the 6th of January, 1778.

LIEUTENANT JOHN PAYNE, JR.,

Was probably from Lebanon, N. H. The town records contain a record of the children of one John Payne. Lieutenant Payne served in 1775 in Captain Daniel's company guarding Piscataqua Harbor. One John Payne was an inn-keeper at Lebanon in 1776. Was one of the grantees of Randolph, Vt. Lieutenant Payne also served as a scout in the Coos country.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS BINGHAM

Was born 14th of July, 1742, at Lebanon or Windham, Conn. He married and removed to Lebanon, N. H., in 1761, where he resided until about 1785, when he removed to Royalton, Vt., which was his home the remainder of his life. In February, 1777, he received a lieutenant's commission in the 8th Connecticut Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Chandler. In March, 1778, he was honorably discharged. He was one of the grantees of the town of Orange, Vt. Previous to and after the war, his only vocation was that of a farmer. He died at Royalton, the 23rd of September, 1823.

ZIBA HALL, ELIHU NEWELL AND FRANCIS BEATTY.

The writer has failed to learn anything concerning these men or their residence.

LIEUTENANT NATHANIEL HALL

Was a resident of Lebanon, N. H. The birth dates of his children are recorded on the town records. In 1777, he held the rank of Lieutenant in Colonel Chase's Regiment.

JOHN HEWETT.

Concerning this man, the writer has been unable to gather any information, except that he was a resident of Charlestown, N. H., and a tax-payer in 1792.

CHARLES BOWEN

Was born in Northfield, Mass., in 1742, and removed to Charlestown, N. H., about 1774. The 19th Dec., 1775, he married Dinah Field. He was a regular attendant at the communications of Vermont Lodge, the lodge meeting at his house. For some years he was treasurer. His son Charles was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and was living in 1874, at Tarrytown, N. Y. Charles the subject of this sketch, died the 22d July, 1809.

ALEXANDER RALSTON

Was born in Scotland about 1740, married and came to America previous to the Revolution. Soon after his arrival in this country he settled in Keene, N. H., where he kept hotel, and perhaps a store. He also owned something of a farm. He was a man of considerable property, and in those days considered wealthy. He died, it is thought, some years previous to 1835.

DR. JONAS PRESCOTT

Was a descendant of John Prescott, who settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1640. Jonas, son of John Prescott and Mary White, was born the 6th Aug., 1754. He married, 31st March, 1779, Susannah White, by whom he had five children. She died and he married Ruth Kidder, by whom he had two children. He studied medicine, settled in Templeton, Mass., where he died. In 1778,

he served as surgeon in Colonel Enoch Hale's Regiment, New Hampshire troops, under General Sullivan, in the expedition against the British forces, who were at this period in possession of Rhode Island. He was a distant cousin of W. H. Prescott, the historian.

CAPTAIN PHINEAS HUTCHINS,

Of Walpole, N. H., originally came from Lunenburg, Mass. In the difficulty between Vermont and New Hampshire in 1781, which grew out of the imprisonment of certain parties, Captain Hutchins occupied a prominent position. He received the second and third degrees in Vermont Lodge April 3d, 1782. He died some time previous to 1786. His widow married in 1786, Elijah Grout, of Charlestown, N. H.

DR. GEORGE EAGER

Was a resident of Hanover, N. H. In 1778,he served as surgeon in Colonel Bedell's regiment, raised early in the year for frontier duty or continental service, as occasion might require. The regiment was discharged in March, 1778, and Colonel Bedell received orders to raise another regiment for one year's service. In this regiment also, Dr. Eager served as Surgeon. He received the third degree in Vermont Lodge June 3d, 1782. His name appears among the members of Union Lodge No. 1, of Albany, N. Y., which is fair evidence that he was made a Mason in that lodge.

NORTH STAR LODGE.

The second Lodge established in Vermont was at Manchester. It was chartered by the St. Andrews Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the 20th January, 1785. Following is a literal copy of the minutes of the organization and first meeting of the Lodge.

"At a convention of Free and Accepted Masons composing the North Star Lodge, at the house of Brother Stephen Keyes, in Manchester, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, on the third day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, for the purpose of incorporating themselves into a regular Lodge agreeably to a Charter granted by our *Grand Master, Brother Joseph Webb*, whereby our Worthy Brother Nathan'el Brush was appointed Master and opened the Lodge in due form."

MEMBERS PRESENT.

BROTHER NATHANIEL BRUSH, Master.	ELNATHAN MERWIN.
JONAS FAY.	THADDEUS MUNSON.
NATHANIEL DICKINSON.	WILLIAM GOULD.
JAMES NICHOLS.	EBENEZER MARVIN.
JOSEPH HINSDILL.	STEPHEN KEYES.

VISITING BRETHREN.

ZIBA PHILLIPS.	BR. PARKER.

BROTHER BRUSH resigned the chair.
BROTHER MARVIN, appointed Master.
BROTHER GOULD, " Secretary.
BROTHER FAY, " Senr. Warden.
BROTHER KEYES, " Junr. Warden.

1st. Voted to allow Brother Smith his account of fourteen pounds eleven shillings for the expense of procuring the Charter.

Brother Hitchcock and Brother Hastings initiated.

Entered Apprentice Lodge closed.

Fellow Crafts Lodge opened in due form.

Brothers Smith and Merwin passed.

The Lodge adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

Met according to adjournment.

Entered Apprentices Lodge opened in due form.

2d. Voted Brother Keyes, Treasurer and Steward.

3rd. Voted Brother Merwin, Sen'r. Deacon.

4th. Voted Brother Nichols, Jun'r. Deacon.

5th. Voted that Brother Dickinson write to the Grand Lodge respecting the business of instalment and that he procure a Chart.

6th. Voted that Brothers Nichols, Fay and Gould be a Committee to form a Code of By-Laws.

7th. Voted that an extra Lodge be holden at this place in a fortnight from this day at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Lodge closed till the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of April next, then to be holden at this place at 2 o'clock p. m."

Att.: WILLIAM GOULD, Sec'y."

The meetings of the Lodge were first held at the Inn of Brother Stephen Keyes. The building stood on the main street of Manchester, on the site of the present residence of Hon. H. K. Fowler. Later, the Lodge met at the house of Dr. Abel Allis, innkeeper and druggist, and treasurer of the Lodge for some years. Quarterly dues were twelve and one-half cents. Fees for the degrees were nine dollars for initiation, two for passing and two for raising. Tyler's fees were 75 cents per evening. Visitors were charged a small fee after the first visit. The original Massachusetts charter is in the archives of the Grand Lodge. The records from the organization of the Lodge in 1785, to August 3d, 1810, are complete in one volume. From these records we have selected a few items of interest.

Each degree was *opened* and *closed*, that is, the Lodge opened on the "first step of Masonry," transacted any business that was presented, and then *closed* the Lodge on that degree, and opened on the second or third. The expression *"Master's will and pleasure"* is noticed as early as 1794.

Jan. 31, 1786, "Voted, that Brother Hitchcock be directed to procure a seal for the lodge." No further reference to a seal is noticed until April 4th, 1793, when it was "Voted, the treasurer, Brother Huntington, deliver to Brother William Coley eighteen dollars for stock to make the necessary jewels for the use of the North Star Lodge, also that Brother Wm. Coley execute a seal of copper for the use of the Lodge, to cost 18 shillings." The seal, which was probably the first in Vermont, was a plain circle enclosing the words *"North Star Lodge Verm."* The device in the centre was a circle upon which rested the square and compasses.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held Dec. 27, 1786, at Bennington, and Brother Nathaniel Chipman delivered the oration. The Festivals were held regularly, and sermons were delivered by Rev. Elijah Sill and Rev. Dr. Williams.

The 4th December, 1787, the Lodge was Installed by R. W. Israel Jones. May 7th, 1792, "In consequence of a petition signed by Brothers Enoch Woodbridge, Jabez G. Fitch, Samuel Strong, Roswell Hopkins and Stephen Keyes, dated Vergennes, April 30, 1792, for a dismission from this North Star Lodge," "Voted that said petition be granted." March 6, 1793, "Voted that the petition of Brother Daniel Fay, Brother Anthony Haswell. Brother David Russell, Brother Joseph Fay, Brother Joseph Hinsdale be granted."

Both of the foregoing petitions were for the purpose of forming new Lodges. Feb. 1, 1793, Nathan Brownson, ex-Governor of Georgia, was admitted a member and received the second and third degrees the same evening.

June 23d, 1794. "Agreeable to a request of the Sec'y. of Dorchester Lodge, &c., Voted Br. Nathl. Brownson represent the North Star Lodge in convention with members from the other Lodges in this State to meet in the month of August next at Manchester." A committee to instruct Brother Brownson was appointed. August 4th, 1794, Bro. Brownson made a report to the lodge and asked that two brethren be added to the committee. Brothers Christopher Roberts and William Coley were appointed, agreeable to the request of Bro. Brownson.

As men who assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the foregoing committee deserve more notice than the bare mention of their names.

NATHAN BROWNSON, M. D.,

Was born at Woodbury, Conn., May 14th, 1742. He was a brother of the Brownsons of Sunderland, but never resided in Vermont. He graduated from Yale College in 1761, and soon after removed to Midway, Liberty Co., Georgia. He was introduced to the citizens of Liberty county by Dr. Dunwody and appears to have taken an active part in the political affairs of the

day. He was a member of the Provincial Congress of 1775, of the Continental Congress of 1776 and 1778, was for some time Surgeon in the army, was elected by Congress, June 6th, 1782, Deputy Purveyor for the Southern hospitals, was speaker of the Legislature in 1781, by which body he was chosen Governor; was also speaker in 1778, President of the Senate in 1789–91, and member of the convention which formed the State Constitution in 1789. He owned a plantation of some five hundred acres and kept slaves. He was the president of the convention which formed the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Drake's Biographical Dictionary states that he died in "Nov., 1796." It is an error; the writer personally investigated the matter, and found that he died "Oct. 18th, 1796," and is buried in the church yard of the old Midway meeting house, where the cypress head-boards have been standing for a century.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS

Was born at Amenia, Dutchess county, New York, May 4th, 1753, and came with his father's family to Manchester soon after the close of the French and Indian War. Roberts, though young, was active in the cause of the settlers holding grants from New Hampshire. He was with Ethan Allen at the taking of Ticonderoga and the family state that he was the third man to enter the fortress, Allen and Arnold entering together. While conducting a party of women and children to a place of safety in Massachusetts, the battle of Bennington was fought. Hearing of the victory he returned to his home. In the State Militia he held the various grades from lieutenant to brigadier-general. He represented the town in the legislature in 1807, was Judge of Probate six elections ending 1805, and Assistant Judge of the County Court two terms ending 1799. He was made a Mason in North Star Lodge. He died May 10th, 1832.

WILLIAM COLEY,

Was born December 2d, 1758, in Hanover Square, London. His father was a silver-smith, and, as the writer is informed by the family, made knee-buckles for King George. He (the father) came to America and settled in New York city about 1764, when

he kept hotel on Front street. At the breaking out of the revolution, William—our subject—entered the army and served seven years in the cavalry service, principally under Gen. Greene. Leaving the army, he returned to New York city, where, with his father for instructor—he perfected his knowledge of die-cutting. The date of his removal to Rupert, Vermont, is unknown to the writer. His name first appears in the records of North Star Lodge, Nov. 2d, 1786. As we have already stated, he made the jewels and seal for North Star Lodge. He also cut the first seal of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Various facts tend to prove that he was the man who cut the dies from which the Vermont coppers of 1785–1788 were struck. It is a fact he resided in Rupert when the coppers were made by Reuben Harmon, and that Mr. Harmon had as partners gentlemen from New York City, who probably knew Coley. Harmon and Coley were both members of a company in Ulster County, N. Y., established "for the avowed purpose of coining copper." Mr. Coley was Sheriff of Bennington County in 1798 and 1799. He was also Colonel in the old State Militia. Shortly after 1807, he sold his property in Vermont and removed to Deruyter, N. Y., from thence to Georgetown and finally to Otselic, N. Y., where he resided the remainder of his life. He was a small man, dark complexioned, quick and nervous like a Frenchman. Having received a superior education, speaking French like a native, city bred, and having always associated with men of culture, he was well calculated to be an addition and ornament to any society. His service as an officer of the Grand Lodge can be found in the table inserted in this book. He frequently said that when the time had arrived for him to die, he wished to go like the going out of a candle. He was in the kitchen, one day, helping the ladies, by chopping mince meat; some one spoke to him; he did not reply, for the spirit of William Coley had fled while he was sitting in the chair. This occurred Nov. 30th, 1843.

In the sketch of Vermont Lodge, it was stated that notes were received for initiation fees. Having none of the early papers for that Lodge, we insert a copy of one of the notes given to North Star Lodge.

MANCHESTER, February 25th, 1793.

I, For value received, promise to pay John Huntington as Treasurer of North Star Lodge Eight Dollars in Cash on Demand.

GEORGE SEXTON.

To forcibly illustrate what was understood by "*refreshment*" in early days, we insert two steward's bills, which are fair samples of all.

Steward's Bill, Sept. 3d., A. D. 1807.

1 Bottle Gin,	
1 Bottle Brandy,	$1.50

Two Bottles of Gin,	
½ lb. Sugar,	$1.34

Steward Bill allowed 1st Thursday in May, 1808.

A. J. SPERRY, Sec'y.

North Star Lodge was for many years in a flourishing condition. Men who received the highest honors in the gift of the State of Vermont saw Masonic light in this Lodge. Below will be found a list of those who received one or more degrees, down to the organization of the Grand Lodge.

Samuel Hitchcock,	I.	Feb. 3, 1785
— Hastings,	I.	Feb. 3, 1785
Noah Smith,	C.	Feb. 3, 1785
Samuel Sheldon,	I.	March 10, 1785
Lemuel Bradley,	I.	March 10, 1785
Samuel Huntington,	I.	March 10. 1785
William Johnson,	I.	March 10, 1785
Benjamin Marvin,	I.	April 20, 1785
Lemuel Chipman,	I.	April 20, 1785
John Huntington,	I.	April 20, 1785
Gideon Brownson,	C.	June 14, 1785
— Benedict,	R.	June 14, 1785
William Gould,	R.	June 14, 1785
Elnathan Merwin,	C.	Feb. 3, 1785
Jabez G. Fitch,	I.	June 23, 1785
John White,	I.	June 23, 1785
Lemuel Bottom,	I.	Oct. 10, 1785

Wm. Johnson Holt,	I.	Oct. 10, 1785
— Knickbacker,	I.	Dec. 26, 1785
Benjamin Holt,	R.	Jan. 31 1786
Thomas Chittenden,	C.	June 30, 1786
M. Lyon,	C.	June 30, 1786
Major Brookins,	I.	July 3, 1786
Zenas Bradley,	I.	Aug. 14, 1786
Timothy Todd,	I.	Aug. 14, 1786
David Fay,	I.	Nov. 2, 1886
— Blodget,	C.	Nov. 2, 1786
David Russell,	I.	March 8, 1787
Richard Seamon,	I.	March 8, 1787
Samuel Cook,	C.	Dec. 4, 1787
Dr. Abel Allis,	I.	Dec. 26, 1787
Roswell Hopkins,	I.	Oct. 12, 1788
Alexander Harvey,	I.	Oct. 21, 1788
Joseph Fay,	C.	Oct. 22, 1788
Israel Smith,	C.	Oct. 22, 1788
Noah Smith, (Manchester),	I.	Feb. 28, 1789
Levi Cooley,	I.	June 24, 1786
Buel Hitchcock,	I.	April 24, 1789
James Sawyer,	C.	Dec 28, 1789
Isaac Smith,	I.	June 25, 1791
Elijah S. Hollister,	I.	June 25, 1792
William Eaton,	I.	July 12, 1792
Jonathan Ormsby,	I.	July 12, 1792
Truman Mead,	I.	July 12, 1792
James Underhill,	C.	July 12, 1792
Azel Washburn,	C.	July 12, 1792
Christopher Roberts,	I.	July 26, 1792
Aaron Sexton,	I.	July 26, 1792
Major Jonathan Aiken,	I.	July 12, 1792
Cephas Smith,	I.	Aug. 10, 1792
— Jackson,	C.	Aug. 10, 1792
Elijah Avery,	I.	Aug. 10, 1792
Walter Hovenden,	I.	Aug. 30, 1792
Capt. Titus Watson,	I.	Nov. 1, 1792

James Jameson,	C.	Nov. 1, 1792
William Marsh,	R.	Nov. 1, 1792
Zadlock Huggins,	I.	Dec. 26, 1792
William Bennet,	I.	Dec. 26, 1792
Timothy Mead, Jr.,	I.	Dec. 26, 1792
Major William Lee,	I.	Dec. 26, 1792
— Spafford,	C.	Dec. 27, 1792
Caleb Allen,	I.	Jan. 7, 1793
Capt. John Richinson,	I.	Jan. 7, 1793
Rev. Thomas Tolman,	C.	June 11, 1793
Capt. Isaac Underhill,	I.	Feb. 7, 1793
George Clark,	I.	Feb. 7, 1793
William Dunton,	I.	Feb. 7, 1793
Dr. Nathan Brownson.	C.	Feb. 11, 1793
William Underhill,	I.	Feb. 19, 1793
Capt. George Sexton,	I.	Feb. 19, 1793
John Barker,	I.	Feb. 19, 1793
Ebenezer Russell,	I.	March 6, 1793
Anthony Haswell,	C.	March 6, 1793
Ebenezer Slate,	I.	April 4, 1793
Wallis Sunderland,	I.	April 4, 1793
Joseph Woodward.	I.	Jan. 7, 1794
Samuel Drury,	I.	Jan. 7, 1794
Joel Pratt,	I.	Feb. 6, 1794
Joseph Curtis,	I.	Eeb. 6. 1794
William Watrous,	I.	April 3, 1794
John Pearce,	I.	Sept. 4, 1794
Bushnell Bostwick Downs,	I.	Sept. 4, 1794
Russell Catland,	I.	Sept. 23, 1794
Noah Pratt,	I.	Sept. 23, 1794
Martin Deming,	I.	Sept. 23, 1794
Jesse Fairchild,	I.	Sept. 23, 1794
Jonathan Baker,	I.	Sept. 23, 1794
Nathan Manly,	I.	Nov. 6, 1794
Amherst Willoby,	I.	Nov. 6, 1794
Simeon Littlefield,	I.	Dec. 26, 1794
Isaac Farwell,	I.	Dec. 26, 1794

Joseph Tarry,	I.	Dec. 26, 1794
Sylvester Deming,	I.	Dec. 26, 1794
William Underhill, Jr.,	I.	Feb. 5, 1795
Nathan Hawley,	I.	Feb. 5, 1795
Daniel Barber,	R	Sept. 11, 7193

The last meeting of the lodge was Aug. 3d, 1810. Failing to be represented, and pay their annual dues, the lodge was suspended Oct. 6, 1812, and has never been reorganized.

The Charter Members (with brief sketches of their lives) were as follows :

COLONEL NATHANIEL BRUSH,

Son of Reuben Brush and Ruth Wood, his wife, was born 22d April, 1741, probably at Huntington Long Island. Previous to 1770, he resided at Nine Partners, N. Y. About 1770 he removed to Bennington, Vt., which was his home the remainder of his life. His first wife was Semantha Dewey, by whom he had four children. She died the 27th Feb., 1789. Two or three years later he married Abigail Brush, of Windsor, who came from Boston, who bore him three children, one of whom was Adelia, the mother of Hon. Leverett Brush Englesby, Grand Master of Vermont. He commanded the Militia of his own town in the Bennington Battle, served as judge of Probate in 1781 and from 1787 to 1794, and as clerk of the courts from 1787 to 1803. He was initiated the 9th Feb., 1778, in Masters lodge Albany, N. Y. Was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge Vermont from 1794 to 1800. He died at Bennington, July 3d, 1803.

DR. EBENEZER MARVIN

Was born in April, 1741, in the southwest part of Connecticut. He studied medicine and located at Stillwater, N. Y., where he became widely patronized. When the Revolutionary War broke out he soon became involved in it, first as captain of a volunteer company which went to the assistance of Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold at Ticonderoga, and afterward as surgeon in the continental Army, till that was moved south, after the capture

of Burgoyne After this date he removed to Lansingburgh, N. Y., and from thence to Tinmouth, Vt., in 1781, where he was at once assigned a front rank in his profession. In 1794, he virtually relinquished the medical field and removed to Franklin, where he became a large owner of real estate. He was representative from Tinmouth five years, a member of the first council of censors, Judge of Rutland county court six years, also Chief Judge Chittenden county court. He was made a Mason in 1777, in Masters Lodge, Albany, N. Y. He died in Nov., 1820.

COLONEL STEPHEN KEYES,

One of the early residents of Manchester, came from Connecticut, where he had served in the Revolution in Sheldon's regiment of dragoons. He kept a hotel in which the lodge held their meetings. Previous to 1793, he removed to Burlington, where he again engaged in hotel keeping on Water street and was collector for the district of Vermont. Colonel Keyes was a gentleman of the old school, who wore a cocked hat; polite and warm hearted, and well calculated to gain the good will of all who made his acquaintance. His house was famed for its good dinners. He was a charter member of Montgomery lodge, at Salisbury, Conn., and of Washington Lodge of Burlington, Vt.

GENERAL GIDEON BROWNSON,

From Salisbury, Conn., was one of the first settlers of Sunderland, early as 1765; was a captain in Warner's regiment of Green Mountain Boys, and served in Canada, in the year 1775 and 1776. In 1777, he was commissioned a captain in Warner's Continental Regiment, and served through the war, having been promoted to the rank of major. He was the first town clerk of Sunderland and represented the town several years in the Legislature. He died Oct. 9th, 1797, aged 58 years He received the second degree in North Star Lodge Jan. 14, 1785, and the third Jan. 31st, 1786.

DR. WILLIAM GOULD,

A graduate of Yale College in 1771, was an early settler of Manchester, and was probably the first physician in town. He was one of the original members of the first medical society of Ver-

mont, his name appearing in the act of October, 1784, incorporating that society. He received the third degree in North Star Lodge June 14, 1785.

ABRAHAM IVES

Came from Wallingford, Conn., and settled in Wallingford, Vermont, shortly after 1773. He was a member of the Dorset convention of July 24, 1776; sheriff of Rutland county from 1781 to 1785, inclusive, and town representative in 1779 and 1783. He kept a store and a tavern, the first that were opened in town. At the time of the invasion of Burgoyne, Mr. Ives, being well known as a patriot, was, with others of that class, in much danger; consulting, therefore, his own safety, more particularly that of his family, he concealed his goods and returned for a short time to Connecticut. About 1786–7, he removed to Wallingford, Conn. In 1794, he attended the session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He received the first degree of Masonry in Vermont Lodge Aug. 7th, 1782.

ELEAZAR MARBLE,

Of Salisbury, Conn., sold a certain tract of land known as Buck Hollow, in the town of Fairfax, to a party of gentlemen of Arlington. The writer has been unable to gather any further information concerning this man.

DORCHESTER LODGE.

Dorchester Lodge, the third established in Vermont previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge, was chartered the 5th of May, 1791, by Sir John Johnson, Bart., Grand Master of the Province of Quebec. The Lodge is believed to have been named after Lord Dorchester (Gen. Guy Carleton), who was a particular friend of Sir John, the Baronet. Owing to the loss of the early records, the task of sketching the history of this Lodge is an extremely difficult one.

Agreeable to an article in the constitution, which required all the Lodges in Vermont to surrender their original charters and receive new ones from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, Dorchester Lodge surrendered the charter received from Canada and received in its place their present charter, dated October 12th, 1798. The original charter from Canada cannot be found.

The officers in 1795 and 1796, were as follows:

1795.

Samuel Hitchcock,	Master.
Jabez G. Fitch,	Senior Warden.
Justus Bellamy,	Junior Warden.

1796.

Samuel Hitchcock,	Master.
Justus Bellamy,	Junior Warden.

The officers in the charter received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont were Jabez G. Fitch, Master, Justus Bellamy, S. W., and Josiah H. Fitch, J. W.

To Dorchester Lodge belongs the honor of bringing to Masonic light the distinguished Philip C. Tucker, which occurred the 8th of Nov., 1821.

Another noted member of this Lodge is Samuel Willson, who as the faithful custodian of the Webb Lectures, has earned a reputation which will endure for many years to come.

Having as members Tucker, Stephen Haight and others of that fearless stamp, it would be reasonable to expect that Dorchester Lodge would be the *last* to succumb to anti-masonic pressure, but singularly enough, the last entry in the record book previous to the re-organization of the Grand Lodge, is May 6th, 1830, though we find that the Lodge was represented in Grand Lodge in Oct., 1830, also in 1831, 1833 and 1846. At a meeting of the Lodge held Jan. 11th, 1847, it was "'Resolved, that it is expedient to discontinue our Masonic labors and surrender our charter and jewels to the Grand Lodge of the State.' *Universally rejected.*" This resolution, which appears to have been a test vote, was well enough, but when it is remembered that the Lodge had not kept any records for more than sixteen years, it certainly sounds peculiar. Immediately after the rejection of the above resolution it was "'Resolved that we will continue our Masonic associations and labors, and that we will send a delegate or delegates to the Grand Lodge to be holden at Burlington on the 15th inst., and that he or they be instructed to notify the Grand Lodge.' *Universally passed.*"

The foregoing resolutions, under date of June 11th, 1847, appear to have been the preliminary steps taken for the-reorganization of the Lodge, though members of the Lodge were present at the convention of Jan. 14th, 1846, and after the organization of the Grand Lodge, the same day, Dorchester, *as a Lodge*, was represented by Philip C. Tucker, Master and proxy for S. W. It was in early times, and it is to-day a flourishing Lodge. Its original rank was No. 3. In 1849, it was assigned the honorable position of No. 1. The records previous to Jan. 22d, 1807, cannot be found. The following list of members is taken from the Grand Lodge record book.

David Whitney,	I.	May 9, 1792
" "	E.	May 22, 1799
Marshall Smith,	I.	May 23, 1792
Jonathan Sexton,	I.	May 23, 1792
Bissell Case,	I.	May 23, 1792
Joseph Kingman,	I.	May 23, 1792
Buell Hitchcock,	I.	June 25, 1792

Aaron Beaman,	I.	June 25, 1792
Azariah Painter,	I.	June 25, 1792
London Case,	I.	June 25, 1792
Asa Strong,	I.	Sept. 4, 1792
Justus Bellamy, Mem.,	I.	Sept. 14, 1792
John N. Bennet,	I.	Dec. 26, 1792
Richard Barnum,	I.	Feb. 13, 1792
Jacob Redington,	I.	May 8, 1793
Bulkley Johnson,	I.	May 8, 1793
Andrew Barton, Jr.,	I.	June 20, 1793
Durand Rebeud,	I.	June 20, 1793
Jeremiah Adams,	I.	July 10, 1793
Henry McLaughlin,	I.	Dec. 26, 1793
" "	D. at his request,	Aug. 14, 1793
Ebenezer Johnson,	I.	Jan. 6, 1794
Joel Barker,	I.	Feb. 3, 1794
Job Gilbert,	I.	June 4, 1794
Asa Walbridge,	I.	June 4, 1794
Daniel Hamblin,	I.	June 24, 1794
Samuel Hitchcock, Mem.,	M.	Nov. 17, 1794
Jepe Lyman,	I.	Dec. 29, 1794
Abijah Barnum,	I.	Jan. 28, 1785
Elnathan Keyes,	I.	April 7, 1795
Removed to Washington Lodge.		
Albon Mann,	I.	June 23, 1795
Nathaniel Narramore,	I.	June 9, 1795
Solomon Morgan,	I.	July 8, 1795
Removed Oct 17, 1797, to Franklin Lodge.		
John Gilbert,	I.	July 15, 1795
Amos Marsh, Mem.,	I.	July 15, 1795
Arza Crane,	I.	July 22, 1795
Seth Pomeroy,	I.	Oct. 6, 1795
Removed Oct. 17, 1797, to Franklin Lodge.		
Jonas Smith,	M.	Dec. 28, 1795
William Chamberlain,	I.	Dec. 30, 1795
Jepe Smith,	I.	May 11, 1796
Henry Haight,	I.	July 15, 1796

Cyrus Cady,	I.	Dec. 27, 1796
Abner Wilcox,	I.	June 23, 1797
Luther E. Hall,	I.	June 23, 1797
Prime B. Hall,	I.	June 23, 1797
Removed Oct. 17, 1797, to Franklin Lodge.		
Enos Wood,	I.	June 23, 1797
Removed Oct. 17, 1797, to Franklin Lodge.		
Alanson Ferrin,	M.	June 23, 1797
Judson L. Curtis,	I.	July 12, 1797
Josiah H. Fitch,	I.	July 13, 1797
William H. Fitch,	I.	July 13, 1797
Belden Seymour,	I.	July 13, 1797
John Halstead,	I.	Dec. 13, 1797
Joseph Spencer,	I.	Dec. 25, 1797
John Barber, Jr.,	I.	Dec. 25, 1797
William Graves,	I.	Feb. 14, 1798
Calvin Harman,	I.	Aug. 14, 1799
Samuel Barnum,	I.	Dec. —, 1799
Robert Bostwick,	I.	Feb. 2, 1800
Silas Curtis,	M.	Feb. 22, 1800
Ebenr. Barnum,	I.	April 28, 1800
Artemus Sawyer,	I.	June 2, 1800
Nathan Collins,	I.	June 23, 1800
William Geer,	I.	July 28, 1800
Josiah Spencer,	I.	July 28, 1800
Wolcott Alvord,	I.	Aug. 25, 1800

The charter members were as follows :

HON. ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,

Son of Hon. Timothy Woodbridge and Abigail Day, his wife, was born at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, Dec. 25, 1750. Timothy, his father, the first settler of Stockbridge, was for many years Judge of the Court of Probate and Common Pleas for the Colony of Massachusetts. In 1774 he was appointed a member of the Governor's Council, by a mandamus from the King, but he declined, as his sympathies were entirely with the Colonists. Enoch graduated from Yale in 1774, and in the same year married

Mary Winchell, of Oblong, N. Y., by whom he had eight children, one of whom, Enoch Day, was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont five years. The account of the massacre of Lexington, which, like the wind, swept over the New England States, fell upon the ears of the settlers like a thunder-clap. One of the first to take down the rifle was Enoch Woodbridge. Leaving his young wife, he rushed to the front, to the post of danger, and, as Lieut. Woodbridge, is known as one of that immortal band, who, at the, dawn of day, as the gray mist slowly lifted, crossed Champlain, entered "Old Ti," and struck the second blow for America's independence. He was at Quebec and stood at the side of the gallant Montgomery as he fell. He was at Hubbardton, the battle that took from us the brave Col. Francis. He was at Bennington, where Stark sent England's hirelings (but brave men) to their deaths. He took part in the battle, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. In the battle of White Plains he fought, and was wounded by a Hessian bayonet. After the war he settled in Pownal, Vermont, and commenced the practice of law. He soon removed to Manchester, and from thence to Vergennes, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was the first Mayor of the City of Vergennes, was a member of the Assembly from 1791 until 1795, and again in 1802; a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1793, Judge of the Supreme Court in 1794, and until 1810, and Chief Justice for the last three years of service. The 20th day of April, 1785, he was admitted a member of North Star Lodge. April 30th, 1792, he applied for a dismission from North Star Lodge, he having in the meantime become a charter member of Dorchester Lodge, which petition was granted May 7, 1792. His name is found in the list of members of Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany, N. Y. He died April 25, 1805.

COL. JOHN CHIPMAN.

(See history of Union Lodge.)

DR. ROSWELL HOPKINS,

Son of Roswell Hopkins and Mary Converse, his wife, was born at Amenia, Dutchess county, New York, May 16, 1757. He received only a common school education, and was brought up a

farmer till about 16 years of age, when, in consequence of an injury which rendered him somewhat lame in one foot, he gave up that honorable pursuit, and in 1776, having removed to Bennington, Vermont, he studied medicine and surgery with Dr. Jonas Fay. During this time, he was much engaged in writing for the public. He was in the battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777. He also served as assistant surgeon in a regiment of militia in Gates' army at the taking of Burgoyne. In 1778, he was at West Point for some time, as a surgeon in a militia regiment. In August of this year, he went to sea as surgeon's mate in the privateer "New Broom." In October the vessel was captured by four British frigates, he was put on board the Sultan, a British seventy-four and was carried into Newport, Rhode Island, and in the month of December was confined in the prison at that place from Tuesday noon until Saturday afternoon, without anything to eat during the time. The next Monday he was exchanged, when he returned to Bennington. He entered upon the duties of register of the Probate Court of Bennington county in 1778, and remained in this position until 1781. During this time, in 1779, he had been chosen clerk of the General Assembly of Vermont, in which position he remained until 1787. About 1786 he removed to Vergennes, where he was chosen clerk of Addison county court, which office he continued to fill until 1801. He was Secretary of State from October 10, 1788, until October 15, 1802, when he resigned. The 27th October, 1787, a tract of land in Caledonia county, Vt., consisting of 11,264 acres, was chartered to Dr. Roswell Hopkins, and in allusion to his name was called Hopkinsville. Subsequently 2,527 acres were added from the town of Burke, and in 1808 the name was changed to Kirby, which name the town bears today. Sometime previous to 1803, Dr. Hopkins bought a large tract of land in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he removed his family, and where he resided the remainder of his life. Under his judicious management settlers came, and March 2d, 1805, the town was organized, and named Hopkinton, which has never been changed. He was a member of the New York State Assembly some years, director of the old Lansingburgh bank, judge of the

county court, with Ogden and Raymond. He was active in promoting the Potsdam Academy, and all benevolent institutions for the elevation and improvement of his fellow men. In June, 1780, he married Lydia Dewey, who was famed as a beautiful, brilliant woman. They had nine children. One who knew him says: "He was a sound counsellor, and true to every trust. He had neither taste nor talent for declamation, otherwise he would share in the historic fame of his compeers. He was more noted for his taciturnity than his loquacity. In giving his opinion in public counsels, his arguments in support of his position were few, but cogent and convincing." He was initiated in North Star Lodge the 21st October, 1788. At the organization of the Grand Lodge, he was elected Grand Junior Deacon, and was re-elected in 1795 and 1796. He was Grand Senior Deacon in 1797; Grand Secretary four years, commencing with 1798. While on a journey to Vermont, from his home in New York State, he was thrown from his carriage, and, as we are informed, passed away before his family could reach him. This occurred September 5th, 1829.

WILLIAM BRUSH,

Brother of Colonel Nathaniel, was born May 12, 1750, probably at Huntington, Long Island. He settled in Vergennes at an early day, and was the first Justice of Peace (1787-88). In 1786 he was elected assistant Judge Addison County Court, which position he resigned the following year. About 1806 he removed to Hopkinton, N. Y., where he resided until about 1814, when, his wife dying, he went West to reside with his daughter.

WILLIAM GOODRICH,

Son of Captain Stephen, settled in Middlebury in the spring of 1784, with his father and brother Amos. After they had taken possession, the father returned to their former home in Glastenbury, Conn., leaving his two sons to make a commencement before he removed his family. The brothers erected a shanty and spent the summer in clearing the land. In 1785, the father returned with his wife and daughter, cart and oxen. Guided by marked trees they made their way through the wilderness to the river, when

the family and cart were floated down the river on a raft. Of William Goodrich's wife we have no knowledge, further than that she taught the first primary school in Middlebury. Mr. Goodrich kept hotel some years, and was town clerk from 1797 to 1812, except one year. He was made a Mason in Masters' Lodge, Albany, N. Y., in 1776. He died in 1812, of the epidemic, at the age of 57.

GENERAL SAMUEL STRONG,

Son of Hon. John Strong and Agnes McClure, his wife, was born at Salisbury, Conn., 17th July, 1762. He came to Vermont with his father. who settled in Addison, about 1765. Of his boyhood we have no knowledge. That those traits of character, which, at mature age, made him so conspicuous as a citizen and military leader were early developed, is evi lent from the fact that at the age of 25 years he was elected Sheriff of Addison County, in which capacity he served two years, 1787 and 1788. When 31 years of age he removed to Vergennes, where, as second mayor of that City, and first president of the Vergennes bank, he served the people faithfully and acquired a reputation as a man of integrity which he ever bore through life. He possessed the elements which make a military leader in a great degree. Having served in the minor grades, he was, the 5th of November, 1801, elected by the General Assembly, Major-General 3d Division Vermont Militia. His reputation as a soldier is best learned from the various accounts of the battle of Plattsburgh, in which the volunteers from Vermont participated under his command. That the Vermonters under General Strong sustained their reputation for bravery is evident from the following quotation : "After repeated attempts to cross the Saranac and storm Macomb's forts, the British once succeeded, and advanced until they met the Green Mountain Boys under Gen. Strong, when they were driven back with great loss." Referring to the battle, Gov. Chittenden says in his speech in 1814, "Much is due to Gen. Strong and our brave volunteers." The 11th of Nov., 1814, the General Assembly of Vermont presented their thanks to Gen. Strong for his services at Plattsburgh. The 25th June, 1718, the Legislature of New York presented Gen. Strong with a sword in consideration of his services

rendered at Plattsburgh. This sword, we are pleased to say, has been carefully preserved and is in the possession of the family. He was Assistant Judge Addison County Court in 1805 and 1807, also from 1813 to 1815, inclusive. He was town representative in 1804 and 1805. The 8th Feb , 1787, he married Mary Bloomer, of Dorset, Vt. They had five children who lived to maturity, as follows: Mary married Roswell D. Hepkins ; Clarissa married Enoch D. Woodbridge, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge Vermont; Susan never married ; Samuel P. was Major-General of Vermont Militia ; Electa married William H. Smith. Gen. Strong, like all the early settlers of Vermont, followed farming, which, with various improvements of the water-power of Vergennes, he rapidly accumulated a large property. He is remembered as a tall, spare man, deep-set, dark brown eyes, gray hair, a man of sagacity, firmness and tenacity of purpose, tireless energy, quick to observe and prompt to decide. A cold taken at Plattsburgh, from which he never recovered, terminated in consumption. After bravely struggling with this disease many years, he died at Vergennes December 5th, 1832, aged 70 years.

COLONEL JABEZ G. FITCH,

Son of Dr. Jabez Fitch, was born at Canterbury, Conn , March 20th, 1764. He was a great-grand-son of Maj.-Gen. James Fitch, of Norwich, Conn., who commanded the continental troops in the several expeditions against Canada in 1709, and during the old French war in 1744, until the subjugation of Canada in 1760. He was a brother of Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D.D., first president of Williams College, Mass., and of Anna, wife of Rev. Daniel C. Sanders, D.D., first president of the University of Vermont in Burlington. He married Speedy Goodrich, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. His home was at Vergennes. He was United States Marshal from 1797 to 1801. He was made a Mason in North Star Lodge, June 23d, 1785, and appears to have been quite an active man for some years, serving as Deputy Grand Master in 1801.

MAJOR SAM. B. SHELDON,

Son of Colonel Elisha, commander of "Sheldon's Dragoons" of revolutionary fame, was born at Salisbury, Conn., in 1760. In 1789, he visited the present town of Sheldon, to look the township over and inspect the soil previous to purchasing. Late in the spring of 1790, Major Sam., with his father and brothers, removed to Vermont and became the first settlers and proprietors of the town which bears their name. Samuel B. Sheldon, our subject, "had the sterling qualities combined, keenness of perception, a correct judgment and courteous address. Although there was not as much of startling incident in his life, it is acknowledged—and only just of him to say—that he was the principal moving, governing character in the earlier settlements of the town. He possessed physical and moral courage in the highest sense, as evinced by his early visit to the town when a dense wilderness." He was the first representative of his town, and first town clerk, which office he held twelve years. Through life he manifested much interest in military affairs, and took an active part in all of the military doings of his day. In fact, the immediate cause of his death was traced to a severe cold caught while addressing, hat in hand, a company of boys whom he had uniformed at his own expense. This occurred in 1780, and in him the town lost her leading character, the popular and lamented Maj. Sam. B. Sheldon. He was made a Mason in North Star Lodge, March 10th, 1785.

TEMPLE LODGE.

Temple Lodge of Bennington was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the 18th of May, 1793, William Judd, Grand Master.

Except the original charter, two diplomas and one letter, nothing relating to this Lodge is known to exist. From old newspapers we learn that the Lodge regularly observed the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist. The 9th of March, 1799, Brother John Rodgers, a member of Temple Lodge, died and was buried with Masonic honors He had been impressed into the British army, escaped, and had resided in Bennington two years.

On Thursday morning, the 26th of December, 1799, hand bills were "handed to the citizens in various quarters of the town, requesting them to meet at the Court House on Friday, the 27th inst., (St. John's day) at one o'clock, p. m , to form in procession, and to move from thence to the meeting house in order to attend the exercises of the day, designed to pay a public tribute of respect to the memory of General George Washington." The artillery, troop of horse of Bennington and Pownal, and the light infantry company of Shaftsbury, were requested to attend in uniform. The committee of arrangement were, Isaac Tichenor, Christopher Roberts, David Robinson, John H. Buel, Andrew Selden, Abel Spencer and Gideon Olin. After the sermon by Rev. Wm. Swift, a Masonic oration was delivered by Anthony Haswell, which was printed in a 12mo. pamphlet of 20 pages. This testimonial to Washington was conducted almost exclusively by Temple Lodge.

The 10th of January, 1802, Capt. Aaron Cole of Shaftsbury was buried by the Lodge. The address upon that occasion was delivered by Anthony Haswell.

In 1803, the Lodge received a visit from Grand Master Chipman.

The meetings of the Lodge were held at inns kept by Charles Cushman and Charles Narin, also at the inn now known as the Walloomsac House.

David Porter was Master in 1795; David Fay in 1796-97, and 1799; and Andrew Selden in 1802 and 1803.

From various sources the writer has procured the following names of members:

HON. NOAH SMITH,

First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

ANTHONY HASWELL,

Founder of the *Vermont Gazette*, and father of Grand Master Nathan B. Haswell.

ANDREW SELDEN,

A prominent lawyer.

NATHANIEL BRUSH,

County Clerk and Judge of Probate.

CAPTAIN SAXTON SQUIRE,

By profession a tanner.

ASAHEL STRONG,

A prominent merchant.

SAMUEL MACKAY,

Professor of French in Williams College.

ASA BURNHAM,

Inn-keeper in Shaftsbury.

CHARLES NARIN,

A merchant.

FREDERICK GOVE,

Who moved to St. Albans.

NATHANIEL BRUSH, JR.

CAPTAIN AARON COLE.

JOHN RODGERS.

REV. ITHAMER HEBBARD,

Who had twenty children.

WILLIAM S. CARDELL,

A gentleman of superior education, who delivered the address at the funeral of Anthony Haswell.

JESSE FIELD,

Who fought in the Bennington Battle.

JAMES HICKS,

Famed as a stage driver.

COL. JOSEPH SAFFORD,

Brother of Gen. Samuel.

ELISHA CROSS,

Well known as a general of militia.

TIMOTHY HARVEY,

IRA SEARS,

TIMOTHY CHURCH,

NATHANIEL RIPLEY,

GUSTAVUS WALBRIDGE,

OLIVER ABELL,

ASA HYDE,

AUSTIN HARMON, JR.,

DAVID HENRY,

ZACHEOUS HOVEY,

ISAAC WOOD,

SILAS HAWES,

PAUL HAWES,

GEORGE MOSHER,

SAMUEL SCOTT,

URIAH EDGERTON,

GOV. ISAAC TICHENOR,

CHARLES CUSHMAN.

Failing to be represented for a number of years, Temple Lodge was declared extinct by the Grand Lodge Oct. 11th, 1808, having had an existence of fifteen years. The charter members were as follows:

JOSEPH FAY,

Son of Stephen Fay, the landlord of the famous Catamount Tavern, was born in Hardwick, Mass., about 1752, and came to Bennington, a member of his father's family in 1766. He was secretary of the council of safety from Sept., 1777, to March, 1778, of the State council from March, 1778, to 1794, and secretary of State also from the resignation of Thos. Chandler, Jr., to 1781. He was associated with Ira Allen in the famous negotiations with General Haldimand, Gov.-Gen. of Canada from 1780 to 1783, for which by his talents and address he was fitted. He removed to New York city in 1794, and died there of yellow fever in October, 1803. He received the second degree of Masonry in North Star Lodge, the 22d October, 1788.

DAVID RUSSELL,

A soldier of the revolution, came to Bennington some time prior to 1783, and engaged in the printing business with Anthony Haswell, under whose auspices the *Vermont Gazette* was founded in 1783. He was postmaster at Bennington until 1797, when, having been appointed collector of customs, he removed to Burlington, and entered upon the duties of his office and continued therein until superceded by Dr. Jabez Penniman. Mr Russell was at an early day appointed agent for the erection of the first college building for the University of Vermont. He officiated for a long period as magistrate and for a number of years clerk of the Supreme Court for Chittenden County. He died in 1843, at the age of 86, at Governor's Island, N. Y., while on a visit to his son, Dr. J. P. Russell, army surgeon. He was initiated in North Star Lodge March 8, 1787, passed July 26, 1892, raised November 1, 1792.

HON. DAVID FAY,

Brother of Joseph Fay, noticed above, was born at Hardwick, Mass., December 13, 1761, and came to Bennington with his father's family in 1766. He was in the battle of Bennington, though but 16 years old, his name being found on the roll of Capt. Samuel Robinson's company, designated as a "fifer." Was admitted to the bar in June, 1794, and was State's Attorney for four years previous to 1801. Was United States Attorney for Vermont District under Mr. Jefferson; Judge of the Supreme Court for four years from 1809, and member of the council in 1821. He married Mary Stanniford, who died December 15, 1828, leaving no children. He was initiated in North Star Lodge, March 10, 1785. He died at Bennington June 5, 1827.

JOSEPH HINSDILL

Was the first of the family to settle in Bennington, and came, it is believed, from Hardwick, Mass., prior to 1778. His wife was Hannah Bingham. Mr. Hinsdill was a very active business man. Besides conducting a large farm which lay south of the present village of North Bennington, he was an extensive dealer in woollen goods, having stores at Manchester, Arlington and Bennington. In 1786, he with Gen. Woodbridge and an Irishman by the name of Russell, who had some knowledge of the business, erected the first paper mill in Vermont. He died August 21, 1800.

DAVID PORTER.

Our knowledge of this man is briefly stated. As early as 1791, he was engaged in the mercantile business at Bennington Centre, or Old Bennington. His partners were Asahel and Elijah Strong, and, at a later date, Simeon Hathaway, Jr. In September, 1796, Mr. Porter retired from the firm. In January, 1796, he appears, from an advertisement in the *Vermont Gazette,* to have entered into a partnership with David Russell, in the land office business, with an office at No. 15 Burling Slip, New York city, which was managed by Mr. Porter in person. In May, 1797, the partnership was dissolved. Our information concerning this man is concluded after stating that he was Master of Temple Lodge, No. 4, in 1795.

CAPTAIN JOHN NORTON

Was born in Goshen, Conn., in 1759. At the age of sixteen he served as drummer boy in the Revolution. He married, in 1780, Lucretia Buel and soon after removed to Williamstown, Mass. In 1785, he settled in Bennington. In 1793 he commenced the pottery business (in a small way) in the south part of the town. In 1833, the business was removed to Bennington village. The buildings were burned and rebuilt in 1845, and also in 1874. Descending from father to son, the business from its establishment has remained in the possession of the Norton family a period of eighty-five years. The writer is informed by the present proprietors that this pottery was the earliest established in America—at least they have been unable to learn of any in existence prior to 1793. Captain Norton was a very active business man, having by energy and perseverance established a business which from a small beginning has grown to one of great magnitude. He died in Bennington, 22d August, 1828.

UNION LODGE

Of Middlebury, the last established, prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut the 15th of May, 1794. Following is a true copy of the first meeting of the Lodge.

JOURNALS OF THIS LODGE.

1794. At a special Lodge held October 2d at the Lodge room at Middlebury. Present: Worshipful John Chipman, Master; Joel Linsley, S. Warden; Lewis McDonald, J. Warden; Jos. McDonald, Treasurer; Thomas Tolman, Secretary; Brethren Abiel Linsley and Abraham Burthrong; Worshipful Angus Nicholson (from Connecticut) in the chair, by the request of the Master and Brother Sanford (from the same State) in the place of the senior warden. On motion,

Voted, that, from the expediency of a few instances of initiation, while the Worshipful Brother Nickelson and Brother Sanford are with us, a certain by-law, that no candidate be ballotted for on the first evening of his being proposed to the Lodge, etc., be and the same is dispensed with for *this evening*.

Mr. Samuel Foot, of Middlebury, was ballotted in, a member elect of this Lodge, at the instance of Brother Junior. Samuel Miller, Esq., of Middlebury, was ballotted in, a member elect of this Lodge, at the instance of Brother Junior. Samuel Foot was initiated an entered apprentice. Samuel Miller was initiated an entered apprentice. Brother Junior proposed Samuel Mattocks, Jr., to be ballotted for at next meeting. Brother Secretary in like manner proposed Mr. Salmon Bell.

Voted, that our Worshipful Master, John Chipman, Brother Secretary and Brother Senior, be and they are hereby appointed delegates, to represent this Lodge at a general convention of the Lodges in this State, to be holden at Rutland on Friday the 10th of instant October. to consult on the subject of a Grand Lodge in this State, and that our said delegates possess plenary powers.

Lodge duly closed to the 2nd Tuesday in November next.

THO. TOLMAN, Sec.

INCIDENTS.

Visiting Brethren present, William B. Sumner, Geo. Gordon, Noah Judd, Samuel Hitchcock, Enoch Woodbridge, Master of Dorchester Lodge, Roswell Hopkins, Sec. of do., William Goodrich, Nathanel Chipman, Gaml.

Painter, Buel Hitchcock, Richard Barnum, Abner Baldwin, Caleb Allen, Ebenezer Johnson, Nathan Fellows, Jona. Parker, John Gove, Daniel Chipman, Asa Strong, Justus Bellamy and Cephas Smith.

Passed through my hands and delivered to Brother Treasurer *Twenty Dollars*, the initiation fees of Brother S. Foot and Brother S. Miller.

T. TOLMAN.

[Dr. Brother Treasurer J. McDonald, 20 dollars.]

1798. The Lodge paid $25.00 for copper plate and press for printing diplomas. The plate has been preserved and is in the Archives of the Lodge.

1799. Voted to wear mourning 6 months for George Washington.

1801. Daniel Chipman proposed building a house for the benefit of the Lodge.

1813. Lavius Fillmore, Justus Foot and Edward Eells appointed a committee to confer with Samuel Mattocks—owner Mattocks Tavern—about building a lodge room.

1816, May 5th. Mattocks Tavern burned, including lodge room and the charter.

1820, Nov. 6. Voted to pay Bro. John Barney $15.00 for his services as Lecture Master.

1822. Voted Asahel Parsons a committee to receive from Middlebury College ground for a lodge room.

1826, Oct. 2. Voted the request of the petitioners of Bristol for a lodge to be granted them.

1839, July 8. Masons Hall sold to R. Wainwright by N. Foster for $380.00.

The lodge first met at the inn kept by Samuel Foot. Early in 1795, they removed to a tavern kept by Samuel Mattocks, and from thence to the inn of E. Markham, on the north side of the river. This room was about 12 feet square, with arched roof, and was destroyed by fire September, 1875.

In 1813, the lodge removed back to the Mattocks Tavern, where it remained until 1816, or until destroyed by fire, when it once more occupied the room in the Markham Tavern until Dec., 1816, when they removed into the new three-story building owned by Thomas Hagar, built on the site of the Mattocks Tavern. Here they remained until February 2d, 1824, when they removed to a new Masonic Hall on the third floor of a new three-story

block of stores and offices adjoining the Court House. This lodge room was dedicated June 24, of the same year. The original charter from Connecticut was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Vermont in 1797 and a new one issued, which was destroyed by fire in 1816. The present charter of the lodge is dated 7 Oct., 1820, and is certified by the Grand Secretary to be a copy of the original. The records have all been preserved and are in fine condition. The first entries, title page and copy of the charter are beautifully engrossed and ornamented in the handwriting of Rev. Thomas Tolman. The cash book has an entry of 65 shillings paid Bro. Tolman in 1797, for painting a masters carpet which is supposed to be the same now hanging in the lodge room. The lodge was very fortunate in having as members some of the most distinguished men in Vermont. We notice Gamaliel Painter, the public-spirited citizen, the man who gave $13,000 to Middlebury College; Samuel Miller, Seth Storrs, Daniel Chipman, all three very able lawyers. The 3d May, 1830, the lodge suspended. Up to that time it had made 367 masons and admitted 35. The 17th Dec., 1847, the lodge was reorganized, and was represented in Grand Lodge at the session held the following January (1848). In 1849, the lodges were re-numbered and Union was assigned No. 2. Since the reorganization, the lodge has made 249 masons and admitted 39, making a total from its organization, in 1794, of 661 initiations and 74 admissions.

Following is a list of those who received one or more degrees previous to 1800.

Samuel Foot,	Oct., 1794
Samuel Miller,	Oct., 1794
Gamaliel Painter,	Nov., 1794
Daniel Chipman,	Nov., 1794
Wm. B. Sumner,	Nov., 1794
Samuel Mattocks, Jr.,	Dec., 1794
Seth Storrs,	Dec., 1794
Joseph Cook,	Dec., 1794
Solomon Miller,	Jan., 1795
Wm. Goodrich,	Jan., 1795

Bethuel Goodrich,	Jan., 1795
Darius Matthews,	Jan., 1795
Residius Newell,	Jan., 1795
Samuel Blodgett,	Feb., 1795
Norman Newell,	Feb.. 1795
Luke Strong,	March, 1795
Daniel Campbell,	March, 1795
Joel Boardman,	March, 1795
John Strong,	March, 1795
Ebenezer Newell,	April, 1795
Ebenezer Wheelock,	May, 1795
Josias Smith,	May, 1795
Jas. McDonald,	Sept., 1795
Moses Strong,	Sept., 1795
Edward C. Huock,	Sept., 1795
Solomon Morse,	Sept., 1795
Moses Colton,	Dec., 1795
Israel C. Janes,	Jan., 1796
Eliphaz Perkins,	Jan., 1796
James Bigelow,	Feb., 1796
Ep. Southworth,	March, 1796
Josiah Pond,	March, 1796
Amos Stone,	March, 1796
Benjamin Sanford,	June, 1796
Hamlin Johnson,	June, 1796
Joseph Capron,	June, 1796
Jared Pond,	
Joseph Hawley,	Aug., 1796
Ebr. Markham,	Oct., 1796
Joseph Coggswell,	Jan., 1797
John B. Catlin,	Jan., 1797
Titus Hill,	May, 1797
Nathl. Blanchard,	June, 1797
Ezra Hoyt,	Aug., 1797
Hezekiah Mead,	Aug., 1797
Luther Drury,	Aug., 1797
Timothy F. Chipman,	Aug., 1797

Charles Rich,	Aug., 1797
Abijah Davis,	Aug., 1797
Samuel Darrow,	Sept., 1797
Loyal Case,	Sept., 1797
Job Farrill,	Sept , 1797
W. Williamson,	Nov., 1797
Andrew Squire,	Nov., 1797
Chauncy Morse,	Dec., 1797
James Wilcox,	Dec., 1797
Amos Nichols,	Dec., 1797
Solomon Plumb,	Dec., 1797
Job L. Howe,	Dec., 1797
John Storrs,	Dec., 1797
Nathl. Calender,	Dec., 1797
Reuben Peach,	Jan., 1798
Wm. Barber,	Jan., 1798
James Miner,	Feb., 1798
John Mazuzan,	March, 1798
Luther Tilden,	May, 1798
Thos. J. Ormsby,	June, 1798
Amos Eastman,	June, 1798
Joshua Stockwell,	June, 1798
John H. Sherrill,	July, 1798
Charles Hatch,	Aug., 1798
Anthony Rhodes,	Aug., 1798
Wm. B. Miner,	Sept., 1798
Moses Boardman,	Oct., 1798
David Foot,	June, 1799
Anson Perkins,	June, 1799
Wm. B. Marsh,	June, 1789
Abel Potter,	July, 1799
Prentice Barrows,	Sept., 1799
Henry Hall,	Sept., 1799
Thomas Hodgkin,	Oct., 1799
David P. Nash,	Oct., 1799

The charter members were as follows:

COL. JOHN CHIPMAN,

The pioneer, the first settler of the new, prosperous and beautiful town of Middlebury, was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, Oct. 22, 1744. In the Spring of 1766, he, with fifteen other young men, left Salisbury for Vermont. Their locomotive was a pair of oxen; their train a two-wheeled cart; their freight, axes, farming utensils, and provisions. There was not a house in all of Vermont, north of Manchester. Dumping the indomitable Chipman at what is now known as "Three Mile Bridge," the other fifteen pursued their way to Vergennes. During that summer he felled ten acres of stalwart monarchs of the wood. Having made his "sign-manual" upon his lot, thus securing it, he returned in the autumn to Salisbury, Connecticut. Two or three years later he married Miss Douglass, who died shortly after, leaving him a daughter. November 17th, 1772, he married Sarah Washburn, of whom we shall particularly speak further on. In the spring of 1773, he returned to Middlebury, and pitched upon his old ten-acre clearing, which was again overgrown. At the sound of the first gun of the Revolution, Chipman threw down his axe and shouldered his musket. Leaving his family in Middlebury, he, with Seth Warner and Remember Baker, joined Ethan Allen. He was present when Allen, "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress," seized the keys of Ticonderoga. We cannot do better than to let Chipman speak for himself. The original manuscript is in possession of his family. He says: "I turned out at the commencement of the war as a volunteer, with Col. Ethan Allen, in the spring of 1775, to take Ticonderoga and Crown Point. In May or June, I received a second lieutenant's commission in Capt. Grant's company, Col. Seth Warner's regiment; went into Canada, and was at the taking of St. Johns and Montreal; was discharged at Montreal,and returned home the first part of December. In the spring of 1776, I received a first lieutenant's commission in Capt. Smith's company, Seth Warner's regiment, and joined the army at Ticonderoga in March, 1777. I was in the retreat of the army,

and was in the battle of Hubbardton. I was also in the battle of Bennington, so called, on the 16th of August of that year, and was at Saratoga at the taking of Burgoyne in October. We were ordered to St. Edward and St. George in 1778 and 1779. I was promoted to a captain and served in that capacity until October, 1787, when I was taken prisoner at St. George. I remained in this situation until the summer of 1781, when I was exchanged and remained a supernumerary until the close of the war." While at St. George, overwhelmed by numbers, he was obliged, after a desperate defense, to surrender, he tells us, October, 1780. On coming forward, begrimed with dirt and powder smoke, to deliver up himself and his forces, a British officer insultingly asked, "And who are you?" Drawing himself up to his tallest, "A gentleman, sir!" was the quick, stinging reply. Omitting many items of interest from Prof. Kellogg's address, from which we have made liberal extracts, we press on to the close of his life. At the close of the war he returned to his home. Four of his five children by his second wife were already born. Two had died. The following, related by Mrs. Loomis (Chipman's daughter), will illustrate life in that period: She says her father's family had become at one time quite destitute of all kinds of flour and meal, and her father took a bag of grain on his shoulder and carried it on foot to Ticonderoga to be ground, and was gone several days, the family in the meantime living wholly on milk. It is stated as coming from Mrs. Chipman that, after opening the *log cabin* for the *entertainment of travelers*, she had but one towel for her guests, and when travelers came who appeared to be smart, she went to the river in the evening and washed it, to be ready for the guests in the morning. One more incident, and we are done with Mrs. Chipman: "Searching one night in the loft of her log cabin for an article she wanted, the half-inch end of her tallow candle fell out of its socket into the candlestick, and, as if by miracle, turned a complete summersault, and stood blazing end up in the top of an uncovered keg of powder. With a coolness that positively staggers belief, she drew back, gave a single look and a single thought, then stooped cautiously, laid hold of the burning stub, lifted it from the keg, and neither screamed nor fainted in the act that saved herself, her family and

home from instant destruction." John Chipman was aid to Vermont's first Governor, Thomas Chittenden, also sheriff of Addison county from 1789 to 1801, days when sheriffs wore swords. He was cautious, hospitable, kind-hearted, affable, uniformly cheerful, of delicate feeling, good breeding and culture, inexorably just and inflexibly honest. He was fitted to command esteem, and he commanded it. He was a charter member of both Dorchester and Union Lodges. At the organization of the Grand Lodge, he was elected Grand Senior Warden, which office he held three years. In 1779 he was elected Grand Master. In this exalted position he served the craft until 1814. In the morning of August 28, 1829, just as the sun was coming over the green hills of Vermont, he quietly passed away. He received the first degree of Masonry in Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany, N. Y., and the second and third degrees October 19, 1779, in Masters Lodge, Albany, N. Y.

JOEL LINSLEY,

Son of Abiel Linsley, was born at Woodbury, Connecticut, February 7th, 1756. Early in 1775, he settled in Salisbury, Addison county, Vermont. When Ticonderoga was abandoned to the British in 1777, the settlers all fled to the south, and did not return until after the war. In the winter of 1784, about thirty families came into the township from Connecticut. March 2d, 1784, the town was organized, and Joel Linsley elected Town Clerk. In this position he served the town thirty-five years. He represented the town in the General Assembly from 1793 to 1797, inclusive, also in 1799, 1801, 1802, 1808 and 1809. He was Assistant Judge of Addison County Court from 1795 to 1800, and Chief Justice of the same court from 1801 to 1806, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1793. Judge Linsley belonged to a class of men whose energy, enterprise and intelligence go far in forming the character of the town. He was indeed formed by nature to exert a controlling influence in any community in which he might reside. His wisdom was called into requisition by his fellow-citizens in cases where official executive tact was needed. In every office his duties were discharged with marked ability and to universal acceptance. His cheerful,

humorous disposition, love of wit and anecdote, was a prominent trait of his character—a trait that has fortunately descended to his children and grandchildren. Like Col. Brush, he had a dark, swarthy complexion and very black hair. He frequently related the following incident with much enjoyment. Meeting a little boy, crying bitterly, he stopped and inquired of him what was the matter. The boy replied, "I've lost my father." "Never mind," said Judge Linsley, "I'll be your father." "I don't want ye," said the boy, "my father's a white man!" Few men enjoyed with keener relish the pleasures of social intercourse. Possessed of an inexhaustible fund of anecdote and humor and unusual conversational powers, he was the life of every circle with which he associated. The aged and young alike found him an agreeable companion. To the unfortunate he was a sympathizing friend, to virtuous indigence a cheerful benefactor, and of every judicious scheme of benevolent effort a munificent patron. By his wife, Levina Gilbert, he had eight children. His son, Charles, was an eminent lawyer; Joel Harvey, another son, studied first for the bar, was admitted and practiced for some years, afterwards studied for the ministry, commenced preaching, was settled over Park Street Church, Boston, for four years, and for ten years afterward was President of Marietta College, Ohio. D. C. Linsley, Esq., a grandson, is a distinguished civil engineer, residing in Burlington, Vermont. Though the fact of his having been a Mason is unknown to his family of the present generation, it is nevertheless a fact that he *was* a Mason and a charter member of Union Lodge. He never held any position in Grand Lodge, but we find him frequently present, representing his lodge. He died February 13, 1819, aged sixty-four years.

JAMES BRADLEY.

ABRAHAM BETHRONG

Came from Connecticut near the close of the last century, and settled on a farm in Middlebury adjoining that of Col. John Chipman's, on the banks of the Middlebury river. His wife was Hannah Washburn, daughter of Abisha, and sister to Col. Chipman's wife. His second wife was a widow Nichols. He had three

sons and one daughter. He was by profession an operative mason, and was drowned while crossing the St. Lawrence river in a skiff near Montreal.

ABIEL LINSLEY,

Father of the Hon. Joel, was engaged previous to the Revolution in trade with the Indians, on the borders of Lake Erie. He settled in Cornwall, Vt., soon after the close of the revolutionary war. He died the 17th of May, 1800, aged 70 years.

LEWIS AND JOSEPH McDONALD,

Brothers, from Litchfield, Conn., settled in Middlebury in 1793. They at once opened a store, where they prosecuted a successful mercantile business until 1801, when they closed their business and divided their property. Joseph followed farming until 1828, when he returned to the village of Middlebury, bought a house and lot where he resided until his death in 1854, at the age of 84 years. Lewis, who had in the meantime also followed farming, returned to Middlebury village in 1818, and like his brother bought a house where he resided until his death in 1839, at the age of 72 years.

CONVENTION

FOR FORMING A

GRAND LODGE

FOR THE

STATE OF VERMONT.

At Manchester on the sixth day of August, A. L. five thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, A. D. 1794, the following persons produced their several credentials, from the several Lodges in this State to which they belong, as representatives to represent their respective Lodges in Convention, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge in the State of Vermont, to wit:

Brother Nathan Brownson, of North Star Lodge;

Brother Enoch Woodbridge, of Dorchester Lodge;

Brothers Noah Smith, Nathaniel Brush, David Fay, of Temple Lodge.

Brother N. Brownson was placed in the chair.

Brother D. Fay, elected Secretary.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

AUGUST 7TH, A. L. 5794.

Convention met and adjourned until 6 o'clock afternoon.

Six o'clock.—Met and on motion, voted, that a committee of three be appointed to report a form of a Constitution for a Grand Lodge, at the next meeting of this Convention.

Brethren chosen—N. Brush, D. Fay and N. Brownson.

Voted, That the Secretary communicate with the several Lodges in this State, not represented in this Convention, informing them of the Convention and its object, and proceedings thus far, and request them to appoint three members of their Lodges, respectively, to meet in this Convention, at their next meeting, with full power to carry into effect every measure necessary for forming a Grand Lodge in this State, if judged expedient.

Adjourned until Friday next succeeding the second Thursday of October next, then to meet at Rutland.

NATHAN BROWNSON TO GIDEON BROWNSON, MASTER OF NORTH STAR LODGE:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER:—

In pursuance of the powers in me vested by your commission to me directed, I have twice met other Commissioners from different Lodges in this State on the subject of forming a Grand Lodge in and for the State of Vermont, but as there were some Lodges in this State unrepresented the Convention thought fit to adjourn to the ——— of October next to meet at Rutland, and in the meantime have directed the Secretary of the Convention to write to the unrepresented Lodges stating their proceedings and requesting that each Lodge send forward three of their Brethren authorized and empowered to carry the Business into full effect. I am further to add that it is my wish that two of our Brethren of the North Star Lodge be added to the representation and vested conjointly with me with all power necessary in the work.

I have the honor to be, Worshipful Master,

Your obedient Bro.,

NATHAN BROWNSON.

MANCHESTER, Sept., 1794, A. L. 5794.

RUTLAND, Friday, October 10th, A. L. 5794.

The Convention met according to adjournment, when Brothers Nathan Brownson, Christopher Roberts and William Cooley, from North Star Lodge; Brothers Enoch Woodbridge, Jabez G. Fitch and Roswell Hopkins, from Dorchester Lodge; Brothers Noah Smith, Nathaniel Brush and David Fay, from Temple Lodge; Brothers John Barret, Stephen Jacob, from Vermont Lodge; Brothers John Chipman, Thomas Tolman and Joel Lindsley, from Union Lodge, produced their several credentials as members of this Convention, with powers for forming and organizing a Grand Lodge; Brother Nathan Brownson in the chair; Brother David Fay, Secretary.

The Committee appointed to report the draft of a Constitution made report which was read.

Adjourned until to-morrow evening, 7 o'clock.

OCTOBER 11TH, A. L. 5794, 7 o'clock P. M.

Met.—On motion voted, that this convention considers itself fully authorized to proceed in forming a Constitution for a Grand Lodge. Also,

Voted, That the Convention view it expedient to proceed at this time to form a Constitution, and that the form proposed by the Committee be again read and taken up by paragraphs, which was accordingly done.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

OCTOBER 12TH, 9 o'clock A. M.

Met and adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.—Met and adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

Seven o'clock P. M.—Met and adjourned until Monday morning next, 8 o'clock A. M.

OCTOBER 13TH, A. L. 5794.

Met and adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening.

Six o'clock P. M.—After reading the proposed Constitution, and making sundry amendments, the question being put whether the same should be adopted it passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

OCTOBER 14TH, A. L. 5794.

Met—When the constitution as read and adopted last evening, being engrossed by Brother Tolman, was laid before the Convention, and on the question whether it shall at this time be subscribed, it passed that it should, and the president and all the members present proceeded to the subscription. The Constitution was fully executed by the signatures of the delegates present, and is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

We, Delegates from the several Lodges in the State of Vermont, fully authorized and empowered by our respective Lodges for the purpose, do constitute, ordain and establish the following, as The Constitution of a Grand Lodge in this State.

That the Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, two Grand Deacons—the Masters and Wardens for the time being of the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Stewards, and Grand Deacons of the Grand Lodge—and all Past Masters of regular Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge, organized as aforesaid, shall be stiled and known by the name of The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Vermont, independent, and governed solely by its own laws.

The Master and Wardens of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, who cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy, which proxy shall have the same number of votes as his constituents, and such proxy shall be a Master Mason.

A Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Friday next succeeding the second Thursday of October, annually, at such place as the Legislature shall convene, until the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise, and shall have given three months' notice of such alteration to all the Lodges in this State. But the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, shall have power to convene Special Grand Lodges, at such time and place as he shall think fit, not contrary to the Bye-Laws of the Grand Lodge; provided that at such special Lodges to be convened after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in October next, no Bye-Law shall be made, altered or repealed.

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, at the stated annual meeting, by the members of the Grand Lodge present. A majority of the votes, either personally or by proxy, shall be necessary to constitute a choice, and the Brother in the Chair shall have the casting vote, and no other.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to constitute new Lodges, by Patents under their seal and the signature of the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, attested by their Secretary, under such restrictions as they shall judge proper, and to establish an uniform mode of *working* throughout the State, strictly adhering to the ancient *land-marks*, usages and customs of Masonry which are on no account to be removed or defaced.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to require from time to time, from the several Lodges under their jurisdiction, such sums of money as they shall think necessary, to be appropriated for the benefit of the craft; which requisition, and appropriation, shall be made by two-thirds of the voters present, voting as aforessid, at their stated annual meeting only.

In case of the death, resignation, or absence of the acting Grand Master, the next officer in rank shall take the chair, and possess all the powers of the Grand Master, during such vacancy or absence, until the next annual election.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to make Bye-Laws, and all other powers, necessary and proper to an independent Grand Lodge, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to hear and determine all appeals and decide in all disputes between the different Lodges under their jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge, upon granting a charter incorporating a new Lodge, may demand such reasonable fees as they shall establish by their Bye-Laws.

All the Lodges in this State shall, before the day of the next annual meeting, deposit with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge their present charters, and shall receive from the Grand Lodge new charters, to take precedency according to the seniority of their present charters. The new charters shall be granted to the present Lodges without expense, excepting the expense of engrossing, when that shall be done by the Grand Lodge.

This Constitution shall be subject to revision and amendment, when such revision and amendment shall be petitioned for by two-thirds of the Lodges in this State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And when such petitions shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to issue his warrant, directing each Lodge within this State, as aforesaid, to elect their representatives to meet in convention, at such time and place as the Grand Lodge shall direct. Which convention when met shall have full power to revise and amend this Constitution, in such manner as they shall think will best conduce to the interest of the craft.

The Delegates present, before they dissolve this convention, shall meet and *chuse* the officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall, when elected, possess all the powers of officers of a Grand Lodge, until the next meeting of this Grand Lodge as by this Constitution established, and until new officers are chosen in their stead.

DONE in convention of all the Lodges in this State, fully authorized and empowered, at Rutland, this fourteenth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and in the year of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

(Signed)

NATHAN BROWNSON,
President of the Convention, and Delegate from North Star Lodge.

STEPHEN JACOB,	*Vermont Lodge.*
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, WILLIAM COOLEY,	*North Star Lodge.*
ENOCH WOODBRIDGE, ROSWELL HOPKINS	*Dorchester Lodge.*
NOAH SMITH, NATHANIEL BRUSH, DAVID FAY,	*Temple Lodge.*
JOHN CHIPMAN, THOMAS TOLMAN, JOEL LINSLEY,	*Union Lodge.*

Attested,

DAVID FAY,
Secretary.

The convention then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, agreeably to the last section of the Constitution, when the ballots being taken, the following brethren were elected to the respective offices to which their names are annexed, viz:

Bro. NOAH SMITH,	Grand Master.
ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,	Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Senior Warden.
JOTHAM WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS TOLMAN,	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM COOLEY,	Grand Senior Deacon.
ROSWELL HOPKINS,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Voted, That the Secretary of this convention deliver over to the Grand Master the Constitution, minutes and files of the convention.

Voted, That this convention be dissolved and it was accordingly dissolved.

(Signed) Attest,

DAVID FAY,
Secretary.

Records of the Grand Lodge.

1794.

At a special Grand Lodge held at Rutland at the house of Brother Gove, on the fifteenth day of October, A. L. five thousand seven hundred and ninety-four (being the first setting of the Grand Lodge under the Constitution).

PRESENT.

R. W. Noah Smith,	Grand Master.
W. John Chipman,	Senior Warden.
W. David Fay,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
N. Brush,	Grand Treasurer.
Thomas Tolman,	Grand Secretary.
Ros. Hopkins,	Grand Junior Deacon.
Samuel Beach,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

MEMBERS.

Brother Bellamy, Brother J. Linsley and Brother L. Chipman.

The Grand Lodge being duly opened, proceeded to the following business, viz:

Resolved, That (for the present) the fee for issuing a charter shall be four pounds ten shillings lawful money to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That (for the present) the fee to the Grand Secretary for a charter shall be one pound four shillings lawful money.

A petition for a charter for a Lodge at Rutland, signed Nathaniel Chipman, Jonathan Wells, Jonathan Parker, Jr., Israel Smith and Cephas Smith, Jr., Master Masons, was read and considered, and the question being put whether the prayer of the petition be granted, it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer procure a seal for this Grand Lodge to be engraved by Brother Wm. Cooley, and that he with Brother Cooley agree upon the device.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to agree upon and draft a form for charters, to be issued from this Grand Lodge. Brethren chosen, W. D. G. Master, G. J. Deacon and G. Secretary.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the preceding resolution be requested and they are hereby appointed to draft a code of Bye-laws for the government of this Grand Lodge and report the same at the next Grand Lodge.

Adjourned to the Thursday next after the second Tuesday in January next, then to meet at this place.

1795.

Met pursuant to adjournment at Rutland, January 15th, A. L. 5795.

PRESENT.

W. E. Woodbridge,	Deputy Grand Master.
J. Chipman,	Grand Senior Warden.
Sam'l Hitchcock,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Cooley,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Thos. Tolman,	Grand Secretary.
Sam'l Beach,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*

MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

North Star Lodge.—Bro. A. Washburn, J. W.

Dorchester Lodge.—S. Hitchcock, Master: J. G. Fitch, S. W.; Justus Bellamy, J. W.

Union Lodge.—J. Chipman, Master, and proxy for J. Linsley, J. W.

W. Stephen Keyes, Past Master.

Opened and proceeded to business. The Committee appointed for the purpose, reported the form of the charter of North Star Lodge, as nearly as local circumstances will admit, with the alteration of adding two wardens in the appointment of first officers to be adopted as the form of charters to be issued by this Grand Lodge. Whereupon,

Resolved, That said report be accepted, and that the said form be and it is hereby adopted for the time being.

The said Committee made a report of a draft of bye-laws which was read and referred to the next meeting.

Grand Lodge closed to meet at the stated communication in October next.

(Signed) Attest,

THOMAS TOLMAN,
Grand Secretary.

Windsor, October 9, A. L. 5795.

Grand Lodge met at Windsor agreeably to the constitution on Friday October 9, A. L. 5795, at the Hall of Brother West.

PRESENT.

M. W. Noah Smith,	Grand Master.
John Chipman,	Grand Senior Warden.
Jotham White,	Grand Junior Warden.
Thomas Tolman,	Grand Secretary.
Roswell Hopkins,	Grand Junior Deacon.
Brother West,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*

MEMBERS.

Vermont Lodge.—Brothers John Barret, Jotham White, Stephen Jacobs.

Dorchester Lodge.—Bro. Roswell Hopkins, proxy for Master and Wardens.

Temple Lodge.—Brothers David Porter, Master; David Fay, S. W.; David Russell, J. W.

Union Lodge.—Brothers John Chipman, Master; Joel Linsley, S.W.; Dan'l Chipman, proxy for J. W.

Center Lodge.—Brothers Nathl. Chipman, Master; Ebenr. Marvin, Past Master.

Lodge opened in due form.

Proceeded to the election of officers, agreeably to the constitution.

The ballots being taken,

M. W. NOAH SMITH was elected	Grand Master.
W. ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,	Deputy Grand Master
JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Senior Warden.
JOTHAM WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.
DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM COOLEY,	Grand Senior Deacon.
ROSWELL HOPKINS,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Brother G. S. Tolman and Bro. G. J. D. requested to be excused from the Committee appointed to report bye-laws. Ordered that they be excused and that Brothers D. Fay, Russell Porter and N. Chipman be added to said Committee.

Lodge adjourned and closed until Tuesday next, 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

WINDSOR, Tuesday Oct. 13, A. L. 5795.

Met according to adjournment.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

North Star Lodge.—Brother A. Washburn.

Dorchester Lodge.—Brothers J. G. Fitch and A. Marsh.

The Committee appointed to prepare bye-laws made report which was read and accepted and the following were adopted and passed as bye-laws for the government of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

First. It shall be the duty of all the officers of the Grand Lodge personally to attend the annual communications, and also all the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, either by themselves or proxies, which proxies shall have the Jewel of the officer whom he represents, and a certificate of his appointment.

Second. A majority of the members present shall determine all questions, except in cases of the expulsion of a member, in which case two-thirds shall be required by ballot. The Brother in the chair in all other cases shall have a casting vote and no other; and no vote or resolution shall be reconsidered by a smaller number of Lodges represented in the Grand Lodge than were present when such vote or resolution passed.

Third. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master annually to appoint Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, and the Brother or brethen so appointed shall be of the third degree, or Master Masons.

Fourth. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge shall be gilt with gold. The collars, aprons and trimmings shall be white, and the members from private Lodges shall wear their respective Jewels.

Fifth. Every question moved and seconded shall be put by the chair and decided upon, previous to any new matter being brought forward. All questions of order shall be decided by the chair, and no Brother shall speak more than twice, on the same subject, unless by special leave.

Sixth. It shall be the business of the Grand Treasurer to collect all monies due to the Lodge, keep a regular account thereof, and pay the same out to the order of the Grand Lodge, when thereto required; and also to report the exact state of the Treasury, at every annual communication, and oftener if required, to a committee that shall be appointed to examine and settle the same.

Seventh. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record all such transactions of the Grand Lodge as shall be proper to be recorded, in which he shall note all monies paid to the Treasurer, and to communicate to the several Lodges all such matters as this Lodge shall from time to time require, and to read the records and proceedings of each Lodge previous to its closing.

Eighth. No new charter shall be granted but upon the petition of at least five known and approved Master Masons; and the petition shall show reasons why the prayer thereof ought to be granted, with the nomination of the first Master and Wardens, and this Grand Lodge shall require for every charter so prayed for and granted, the sum of *fifteen dollars*, to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and also to the Grand Secretary for parchment, engrossing, registering and affixing the seal, the sum of five dollars.

Ninth. Every charge brought before the Grand Lodge against any member thereof, shall be made in writing, and the member so charged shall be furnished with a copy thereof by the Grand Secretary. Any Brother suspended or excluded from the grand communication shall also be suspended and excluded from every secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge until restored again by the Grand Lodge, and of this every Lodge as aforesaid shall be duly notified by the Grand Secretary.

Tenth. Upon the demise of any Lodge, within and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of such Lodge shall, within twelve months afterwards, surrender to the Grand Secretary all the books and papers belonging to such Lodge, and to the Grand Treasurer all the Jewels, funds and furniture thereof.

Eleventh. It shall be the duty of all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, immediately after their annual choice of officers, to transmit to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, the names of their Master and Wardens respectively, that it may be known who are members of the Grand Lodge.

Twelfth. It shall be the duty of all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to demand and receive into their respective treasuries for entering each apprentice, ten dollars; passing each apprentice to the degree of Fellow Craft, one dollar; raising each Fellow Craft to the sublime degree of Master, two dollars.

Resolved, Unanimously, that each Lodge subject to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall cause forthwith to be paid to the Grand Treasurer the sum of fifteen dollars; and that every new Lodge which shall receive a charter from this Grand Lodge shall pay the same sum to the Grand Treasurer, at the next annual communication after such charter shall be granted.

Resolved, That all the Lodges that already have or shall hereafter deposit their charters with the Grand Secretary in obedience to the Constitution establishing the Grand Lodge in this State, be, and they are fully authorized, to proceed in all the business and duties of regularly established Lodges until they shall receive new charters from this Lodge.

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the constitution and bye-laws of this Grand Lodge be printed for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, and that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby directed to procure the same at the expense of the Grand Lodge; and also that the Grand Treasurer be directed to procure as soon as may be the necessary jewels and furniture for this Grand Lodge.

A petition from Brothers Ebenr. Marvin, Lemuel Bottom, Solomon Miller and others, praying for the establishment of a Lodge at Burlington by the name of Washington Lodge, was read and the prayer thereof granted, and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

A petition from Bro. Thomas Tolman, Ebenr. Strong and others, praying for a Lodge to be established at Greensboro, was read and by consent of Bro. Tolman, was referred to the next annual communication.

The M. W. G. M. appointed Bro. Samuel Beach, a Master Mason, to the office of Grand Tyler for the year ensuing.

Adjourned until Oct. 17th, 6 o'clock P. M.

WINDSOR, October 17th, 1795.

Grand Lodge met, opened and proceeded to business.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Vermont Lodge.—Brother Lemuel Hedges and Perez Jones.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make out a form of communication with the several Grand Lodges from whom the several individual Lodges have received their charters, and that he lay the same before the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, to be by them approved and forwarded accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Cephas Smith, Junr., and Perez Jones, M. M. Grand Stewards for the year ensuing.

A Charter was issued to Ebenr. Marvin and others, dated the 13th day of Oct., A. L. 5795, and the fees paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Lodge closed.

1796.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

BENNINGTON, February 18th, A. L. 5796.

Opened agreeably to a special order of the Grand Master.

PRESENT.

ro. W. D. G. M. E. WOODBRIDGE, as	Grand Master.
G. T. N. BRUSH, as	Grand Senior Warden.
DAVID RUSSELL, as	Grand Junior Warden.
DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
WM. COOLEY, as	Grand Senior Deacon.
ANTHONY HASWELL, as	Grand Junior Deacon.

MEMBER.

Center Lodge.— Nath'l Chipman.

A petition signed by Wm. Cooley, Zadock Huggins, George Clark and ine others, praying for a charter constituting a Lodge to be holden at Paw-t, which petition was read, the prayer thereof granted and ordered that a harter be made out accordingly. The charter issued Feb'y 18th, A. L. 796, constituting said Lodge by the name of Hiram Lodge.

Fees paid to the Treasurer.

Lodge closed.

RUTLAND, OCTOBER 14th, 1796. A. L. 5796.

Grand Lodge met and opened at Rutland, on the 14th day of October, .. L. 5796, agreeably to the constitution.

PRESENT.

I. W. NOAH SMITH,	Grand Master.
I. W. ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,	Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Senior Warden.
JOTHIHAM WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATH'L BRUSH, by David Fay, his proxy,	Grand Treasurer.
DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
WM. COOLEY,	Grand Senior Deacon.
ROS. HOPKINS,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Vermont Lodge.—Brother Isaac Green, Junior Warden.

North Star Lodge.—Brother Azael Washburn, Senior Warden; Jesse 'airchild, Junior Warden.

Dorchester Lodge.—Brother Samuel Hitchcock, Master; Justus Bellamy, Junior Warden.

Temple Lodge.—Brother N. Brush, Master, by his proxy, D. Fay; David Fay, Senior Warden; David Russell, Junior Warden.

Union Lodge.—Brother John Chipman, Master; Samuel Miller, Senior Warden.

Center Lodge.—Brother Nath'l Chipman, Master; Jonathan Wells, Senior Warden; Jonathan Parker, Jr., Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge.—Brother Wm. Cooley, Master; Z. Huggins, Senior Warden; George Clark, Junior Warden, by proxy.

Proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the ballots being taken,

Bro. M. W.	NOAH SMITH, was elected	Grand Master.
	ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,	Deputy Grand Master.
	JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Senior Warden.
	JOTHAM WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden.
	Bro. NATH'L BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.
	DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
	WILLIAM COOLEY,	Grand Senior Deacon.
	ROSWELL HOPKINS,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Most W. G. M. was pleased to appoint Bros. Cephas Smith, Jr., and Perez Jones, G. Stewards, and Benj. Parker, G. Tyler.

A petition signed Moses Hubbard, Benj. Wait and others, praying for a Lodge to be established at Montpelier by the name of Aurora Lodge, was read, the prayer thereof granted and ordered that a charter be issued accordingly.

A petition signed by Joseph Allen, Wm. Goodrich, John Clark and others, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the bye-laws.

Members chosen, Brothers Hitchcock, Miller and J. Chipman.

Voted, That Brother D. Russell be a committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Adjourned until Monday evening next, 5 o'clock.

RUTLAND, October 17th, A. L. 5796.

Grand Lodge opened and proceeded to business.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Vermont Lodge.—Brother Stephen Jacob, Master.

North Star Lodge.—Timothy Mead.

Dorchester Lodge.—Jabez G. Fitch, Senior Warden; Thos. Tolman, Past Grand Scribe.

The committee appointed to revise the bye-laws reported the following article in addition thereto, which was read and passed, viz:

All appeals from or disputes between the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be brought forward in writing and presented by a brother, and notice of such appeal or dispute shall be first given to the adverse party, at least thirty days before the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That each Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge forward to the Grand Secretary a transcript of the proceedings of such lodge, wherein any member is suspended or expelled, and the Grand Secretary shall as soon as may be, communicate the same to each Lodge within said jurisdiction.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary give notice in writing to the several secular Lodges, to pay the sum of fifteen dollars to the Grand Treasurer, agreeably to a resolution of the last grand communication.

Ordered, That the several Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge make an accurate return to the Grand Secretary of the names of their respective members by the first day of June next; that the Grand Secretary enter in the books of the Grand Lodge immediately after such returns are made a complete roll of the members of each Lodge; that the particular Lodges transmit to the Grand Secretary at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge regular returns of all their new admitted members, that such members may be added to said rolls.

Ordered, That in future no visiting Brother be admitted into this Grand Lodge in the hours of business unless by special permission of the Lodge.

A petition signed by Noah Smith,* of Manchester, praying to be heard respecting certain grievances which he labors under as a member of North Star Lodge, was read, and ordered that a committee of three be appointed to hear the complaint of the said Noah, state facts and make report to the next regular communication. Members chosen, Brothers N. Brush, D. Fay, and D. Russell.

A charter issued to Cornelius Lynde and others for Aurora Lodge on the 22nd day of October, 1796. Fees paid to the Treasurer.

The petition of Joseph Allen, Wm. Goodrich, etc., was again taken up and referred to the next communication.

Lodge closed.

*This was not the Grand Master.

1797.

The Grand Lodge met at Windsor on the 13th day of October, A. L. 5797, agreeably to the Constitution. Opened.

PRESENT.

M. W. N. SMITH.	Grand Master.
J. CHIPMAN,	Grand Senior Warden.
J. WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden.
N. BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.
DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
WM. COOLEY,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. HOPKINS,	Grand Junior Deacon.
ALEXANDER PARMALEE,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Vermont Lodge.—Brother Stephen Jacob, Master; Nathaniel Leonard, Junior Warden.

North Star Lodge.—Brother Christopher Roberts, Master; Jonathan Baker, Senior Warden.

Dorchester Lodge.—Brother Samuel Hitchcock, Master, proxy.

Temple Lodge.—Brother David Fay, Master.

Union Lodge.—Brother John Chipman, Master; Samuel Miller, Senior Warden; Seth Storrs, proxy for Junior Warden.

Center Lodge.—Brother Nathaniel Chipman, Master; Jonathan Parker, Jr., Junior Warden.

Washington Lodge.—Brother Lemuel Bottom, Senior Warden; Solomon Miller, Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge.—Brother William Cooley, Master; William Underhill, Senior Warden; Isaac Farwell, Junior Warden.

Aurora Lodge.—Brother Cornelius Lynde, Master; Benjamin Walker, Senior Warden, by proxy.

Brothers E. Marvin, J. Barrett, Past Masters, Thos. Tolman.

On motion, Brothers Samuel Williams, Alexander Ralston and Josiah Dunham were admitted to sit in the Lodge.

Proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The ballots being taken,

Bro. JOHN CHIPMAN, was elected	Grand Master.
SAMUEL HITCHCOCK,	Deputy Grand Master.
STEPHEN JACOB,	Grand Senior Warden.
WILLIAM COOLEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.

DAVID FAY,	Grand Secretary.
ROSWELL HOPKINS,	Grand Senior Deacon.
CORNELIUS LYNDE,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Lodge closed until to-morrow afternoon, 3 o'clock.

WINDSOR, October 14th, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge met and opened agreeably to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Vermont Lodge.—Brother James Boutwell, proxy.

Center Lodge.—Samuel Williams, proxy.

A petition signed by Ebenezer Marvin, Seth Pomeroy, and others, praying a charter for a Lodge to be holden at St. Albans, by the name of Franklin Lodge was read the prayer thereof granted, and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

A petition signed by Aaron Leland, Lucius Hubbard and others, praying for a Lodge to be established at Chester by the name of the Olive Branch Lodge, was read and the prayer thereof granted, and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

A petition signed Moses Hubbard, Stephen Hopkins and others, praying for a Lodge to be established in Randolph, was read and dismissed.

A petition signed Timothy Todd, Jonathan Barker and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Arlington by the name of Newton Lodge, was read, the prayer thereof granted, and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

A petition signed Samuel Brewer, Apollus Austin and others, praying a Lodge may be constituted in Orwell, was read and dismissed.

A petition signed by Joseph Allen, William Goodrich and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted at Alburgh, was read and dismissed.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the ordinances and bye-laws of this Grand Lodge.

Members chosen, Bros. S. Storrs, D. Fay and William Cooley.

Ordered, That a dispensation be granted to the officers and brethren of Hiram Lodge to sit in the town of Dorset for the term of one year from the date hereof.

Lodge closed until Tuesday next, 2 o'clock afternoon.

WINDSOR, October 17th, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge met and opened agreeably to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS.

Vermont Lodge.—Bro. Perez Jones, Senior Warden.

Washington Lodge.—Bro. E. C. Keyes, proxy for Junior Warden.

A petition of Nathan Eastabrooks and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Putney, was read and granted and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

A petition of Thomas Tolman and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Danville, was read, granted and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

The Grand Master communicated that the officers of Vermont Lodge had been duly installed in ample form Oct. 15th, A. L. 5797.

The committee for revising the bye-laws and ordinances made their report, which was read and accepted, and thereupon

Ordered, That in future when any candidate for initiation into the order of Masonry shall be rejected by any of the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that the Secretary of the Lodge rejecting the candidate, shall, as soon as may be, give information of the same to the Grand Secretary of this Lodge, with the name, and that the Grand Secretary make communication to all the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as soon as may be after receiving such communication.

Ordered, That in future no charter shall be granted for the formation of a new Lodge until the Master and Wardens shall have been examined with regard to their knowledge in the Masonic Art, by the Grand Lodge or a committee by them appointed, unless they can be satisfactorily vouched for by a member of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That one dollar out of the admission money hereafter to be paid by any person for being made an entered apprentice in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be paid over by the Lodge receiving the same to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, and that it be punctually transmitted to him at the next communication of this Lodge, and that this regulation continue in force two years.

Resolved, That our M. W. Grand Master be requested to make a visit either by himself or some suitable person or persons he shall appoint for that purpose, to the several Lodges in this State acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of establishing a uniformity of working, and that the expense thereof be defrayed from the funds of this Lodge.

The Grand Master communicated that the officers of Dorchester Lodge were duly installed September 15, A. L., 5797, in ample form.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Grand Secretary, and select such parts of the records of the Grand Lodge as shall be by them thought proper to be published and that the Grand Secretary cause one hundred and fifty copies of the same to be published at the expense of the Grand Lodge and distributed to the several Lodges in this State and elsewhere as the Grand Master shall direct. Members chosen, Brothers Hitchcock, Miller and Storrs.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay David Fay, Grand Secretary the sum of one dollar and thirty three cents for monies he has expended for a screw, an addition to the seal of this Lodge.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay D. Fay, Grand Secretary the sum of seven dollars, which he has expended for the payment of the Grand Tyler and expenses of the Grand Lodge during this grand communication.

The Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Cephas Smith, Jr., and Perez Jones, Grand Stewards for the year ensuing.

(The Grand Secretary communicated that Center Lodge was duly installed October 27th, A. L. 5797. This was communicated by a letter.)

Lodge closed until the next annual communication.

1798.

The Grand Lodge met at Vergennes on the fifteenth day of October, A. L. five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
S. HITCHCOCK,	Deputy Grand Master.
S. JACOB,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. COOLEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
N. BRUSH,	Grand Treasurer.
R. HOPKINS,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
C. LYNDE,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Brothers James Houston, Ebenr. Marvin, Jotham White, Past Masters.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Vermont Lodge.—William Sweetser, Junior Warden.

North Star Lodge.—Christopher Roberts, Master; Abel Allis, proxy for Senior Warden; Cyrenus Swift, proxy for Junior Warden.

Dorchester Lodge.—Jabez G. Fitch, Master; Justus Bellamy, Senior Warden; Josiah H. Fitch, Junior Warden,

Temple Lodge.—None.

Union Lodge.—Samuel Miller, Master; Seth Storrs, Senior Warden; Darius Mathews, Junior Warden, proxy.

Center Lodge.—Jona. Parker, Jr., Master; Samuel Williams, Senior Warden, proxy.

Washington Lodge.—David Russell, Master; John Pomeroy, Senior Warden; Horace Loomis, Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge.—Wm. Cooley, Master; Zadock Huggins, Senior Warden; Isaac Farwell, Junior Warden.

Aurora Lodge.—Cornelius Lynde, proxy for Master; Seth Putnam, proxy for Senior Warden; William Farwell, Junior Warden.

Franklin Lodge.—Seth Pomeroy, Master.

Olive Branch Lodge.—Lucius Hubbard, Master, and proxy for Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Golden Rule Lodge.—James Shafter, Master.

Harmony Lodge.—Thomas Tolman, Master; Sam'l C. Crafts, Senior Warden: Junior Warden by T. Tolman, proxy.

Proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, when the ballots being taken the

W. M. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ., was elected Grand Master.
The HON. SAM'L HITCHCOCK, ESQ., Deputy Grand Master.
The HON. STEPHEN JACOB, ESQ., Grand Senior Warden.
MAJOR WILLIAM COOLEY, Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH, ESQ., Grand Treasurer.
ROSWELL HOPKINS, ESQ., Grand Secretary.
The HON. CORNELIUS LYNDE, ESQ., Grand Senior Deacon.
JAMES SHAFTER, ESQ., Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint Brother William Sweetser, Esq., and Major Justus Bellamy, Grand Stewards, for the year ensuing, and Brother Abner Wilcox, Grand Tyler.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare an address to the President of the U. S. Brothers chosen, S. Hitchcock, Miller, and N. Chipman, Esq.

The Grand Treasurer delivered 100 copies of the constitution and bye-laws of this lodge, whereupon,

Ordered, That two copies be delivered for the use of each lodge and the remainder lie to be disposed of by a future order of this Grand Lodge.

Adjourned until the 17th ins't at 5 o'clock in the evening.

VERGENNES, October 17th, A. L. 5798.

Met and proceeded to business agreeably to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Union Lodge.—Samuel Foot, Junior Warden.

Golden Rule Lodge.—Eph'm Wheelock, Junior Warden.

A petition from John Strong and twenty-eight others praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Bridport, was read and ordered to lie.

The petition of Elias Bissel and eleven others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Randolph, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

Ordered, That a charter issue accordingly.

The petition of Samuel Brewer and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Orwell, was read and dismissed.

Ordered, That the petition of John Strong and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Bridport, be referred to the next annual communication.

Ordered, That in future no charter shall be granted to a new Lodge, unless the petitioners produce to this Grand Lodge the approbation of the two nearest Lodges under its jurisdiction for the granting of such new charter, and that the place where the new Lodge is to be holden shall be at least twenty miles from any other Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, unless in cases where the petitioning Brethren at certain seasons of the year are obliged to travel round creeks or bays to get to the Lodge, to which they

before belong, in which case the Grand Lodge may dispense with the rule prescribing the distance.

It is further ordered, that the Grand Secretary serve every secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge with a copy of the above ordinance.

Adjourned until the 19th inst., 6 o'clock in the evening.

VERGENNES, October 19th, A. L. 5798.

Met and proceeded to business according to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Franklin Lodge.—Enos Wood, Junior Warden.

Voted, That the Treasurer pay Brother David Fay, late Grand Secretary, the sum of four dollars and twenty-five cents, being his account for copying the constitution and bye-laws for the press.

Voted, That the Treasurer be credited the sum of twelve dollars ninety-one cents, being moneys by him paid out for paper and printing the constitution and bye-laws.

Voted, That the Treasurer pay to the M. W. John Chipman, Grand Master, thirty-six dollars, for his services and expenses for installing and visiting several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to procure the necessary Jewels of the Grand Lodge, to be made of gold.

Voted, To reconsider the vote for referring the petition of John Strong and others to the next communication, and ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Adjourned until the 23d inst, 6 o'clock p. m.

VERGENNES, October 23d, 5798.

Met and pr ceeded to business agreeably to adjournment.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the President of the United States reported the following, viz:

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which was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be signed by the Grand Officers and transmitted by the Grand Master to the President, as soon as may be.

Ordered, That that if the Master and Wardens shall judge that they cannot assemble at Danville, for the present, for want of convenient accommodation, that liberty be and is hereby given to said Lodge to assemble at St. Johnsbury until accommodation shall be made in Danville suitable in the judgment of said Officers.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the expenses of the present grand com munication by an order from the Grand Master.

A charter was issued for constituting a Lodge in Randolph, and the fees paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Lodge closed in ample form to the next annual communication.

1799.

The Grand Lodge met at Windsor on the eleventh day of October, A. L. 5799, agreeably to the constitution and opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. Chipman,	Grand Master.
Stephen Jacobs,	Grand Senior Warden.
Wm. Cooley,	Grand Junior Warden.
Nathl. Brush,	Grand Treasurer.
Ros. Hopkins,	Grand Secretary.
Cornelius Lynde,	Grand Senior Deacon.
James Shafter,	Grand Junior Deacon.

MEMBERS.

Brother Noah Smith, Esq., Past Master; Brother Ebenr. Marvin, Esq., Past Master.

MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

North Star Lodge.—Christr. Roberts, Master; Lem. Bradley, proxy for Senior Warden; Abel Allis, proxy for Junior Warden.

Vermont Lodge.—Stephen Jacob, proxy for Master.

Dorchester Lodge.—Amos Marsh, Junior Warden.

Temple Lodge.—David Fay, Master.

Union Lodge.—Joel Linsley, proxy for Master; Seth Storrs, Senior Warden; John Strong, proxy for Junior Warden.

Center Lodge.—Saml. Williams, Master; Thomas Hammond, proxy for Senior Warden.

Washington Lodge.—James Sawyer, proxy for Master; Martin Chittenden, proxy for Senior Warden; Solo. Miller, proxy for Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge.—Zadock Huggins, Master; Isaac Farwell, proxy for Senior Warden; David Sheldon, proxy for Junior Warden.

Aurora Lodge.—Parley Davis, Senior Warden.

Olive Branch Lodge.—Benja. Carrol, Master; Martin Field, proxy for Senior and Junior Wardens.

Golden Rule Lodge.—David Leavitt, Master; Ephrm. Wheelock, proxy for Junior Warden.

Harmony Lodge.—Thomas Tolman, Master, and proxy for Senior Warden.

Federal Lodge.—Josiah Edson, proxy for Master.

Proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The ballots being taken, the

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ., was elected Grand Master.

SAMUEL HITCHCOCK, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Master.
STEPHEN JACOB, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
WILLIAM COOLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHL. BRUSH, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
ROSWELL HOPKINS, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
CORNELIUS LYNDE, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
JAMES SHAFTER, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Deacon.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A petition from a number of the Brethren living in Arlington, praying that a charter may now be issued to them agreeably to a former grant of the Grand Lodge, was read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted and a charter issue accordingly.

The following petitions were severally read, viz :

A petition from a number of Brethren praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Wardsboro by the name of Mount Moriah Lodge.

A petition from a number of Brethren praying for a Lodge to be constituted in West Haven, by the name of Cement Lodge.

A petition from a number of Brethren praying a Lodge may be constituted in Strafford by the name of Milton Lodge.

A petition from a number of Brethren praying a Lodge may be constituted in Middle Hero, by the name of Rising Sun Lodge. Whereupon

Ordered, That said petition lie for consideration.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the ordinance or bye-law passed at the last annual communication.

Brethren chosen, D. Fay, E. Marvin and S. Storrs.

Adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, 3 o'clock.

WINDSOR, October 12th, A. L. 5799.

Met and proceeded to business agreeably to adjournment.

The committee appointed to revise the bye-law passed last communication made report, which was read and accepted, whereupon :

Ordered, That in future all petitions preferred to this Grand Lodge for new charters shall be accompanied with the approbation of such established Lodge or Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, whose place of communication may be within twenty miles of the proposed place of constituting the new Lodge, or (in case such approbation cannot be obtained on due application therefor) with evidence that a citation hath been seasonably

given to such Lodge or Lodges, to appear before the Grand Lodge by proxy or otherwise at the time of preferring such petition, to shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Ordered, That an ordinance passed October 17th, A. L. 5798, by this Grand Lodge, relative to the granting charters be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing ordinance to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be directed, at the expense of this Grand Lodge, to procure a proper book for recording, and record the constitution, and all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and all charters issued by direction of the Grand Lodge; and also the names of all persons who shall be initiated in the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Strafford by the name of Milton Lodge was again read, and the question being put whether the prayer thereof shall be granted, it passed in the negative, and ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition for constituting a Lodge in Wardsboro by the name of Mount Moriah Lodge, be granted and that a charter issue accordingly.

A communication from North Carolina Grand Lodge was read.

The Grand Secretary received of the Treasurer of Olive Branch forty-two dollars, for initiating forty-two members; also, the Grand Secretary received of the Treasurer of Federal Lodge fifteen dollars, for initiating fifteen members; also the Grand Secretary received fifteen dollars for the charter of Mount Moriah Lodge.

Adjourned until Wednesday evening next.

WINDSOR, October 16th, A. L. 5799.

Met and proceeded to business agreeably to adjournment.

Ordered, That the petition praying for a Lodge in Strafford by the name of Cement Lodge be referred to the next communication.

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition for constituting a Lodge in Middle Hero, by the name of Rising Sun Lodge, be so far granted, that Brothers Buckley, Marvin and Seth Pomeroy, be a committee to examine the candidates for the officers mentioned in said petition, and if finding them duly qualified, to report the same to the Grand Secretary, who, on receiving a certificate from said committee, is hereby directed to make out a charter accordingly.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was again read, whereupon

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be directed to send to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge so much of said communication as relates to forming a Grand Lodge in the United States.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed as a committee of correspondence.

Members Chosen, Brothers S. Hitchcock, A. Marsh and R. Hopkins.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the M. W. Grand Master twelve dollars for his services and expenses for installing Federal Lodge.

Ordered, That the ordinance passed October 17th, A. L. 5797, directing one dollar to be paid to the Grand Treasurer for each person initiated, be continued in force for the term of two years from the rising of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay Brother Mathew Long two dollars for tyling this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary received of the Treasurer of Golden Rule Lodge twelve dollars; of Franklin Lodge twelve dollars; and fifteen dollars for the charter of Newton Lodge.

Lodge closed in ample form.

1800.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont met at Middlebury agreeable to the constitution on the tenth day of October, A. L. five thousand eight hundred, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
STEPHEN JACOB, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
WILLIAM COOLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
ROSWELL HOPKINS, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
CORNELIUS LYNDE, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
SETH POMEROY, as	Grand Junior Deacon.

MEMBERS.

Thomas Tolman, Esq., late Grand Secretary; Samuel Miller, Esq., Past Master; Asa Strong, Past Master; James Houston, Past Master; Ebenezer Marvin, Esq., Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Vermont Lodge.—Jesse Lull, Junior Warden.

North Star Lodge.—Christopher Roberts, Master; the Senior and Junior Wardens by proxy.

Dorchester Lodge.—Amos Marsh, Master; Senior Warden by proxy; Ros. Hopkins, Junior Warden.

Temple Lodge.—Unrepresented.

Union Lodge.—John Chipman, Master; Anthony Rhodes, Senior Warden Seth Storrs, Junior Warden.

Centre Lodge.—Master by proxy; Senior Warden by proxy; Thomas Hammond, Junior Warden.

Washington Lodge.—David Russell, Master; Medad Lyman, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden by proxy.

Aurora Lodge.—Master by proxy; Senior Warden by proxy.

Olive Branch Lodge.—Master by proxy; Senior Warden, Junior Warden by proxy.

Golden Rule Lodge.—Master and Senior Warden and Junior Warden by proxy.

Federal Lodge.—Master, Dudley Chase; Senior Warden and Junior Warden by proxy.

Harmony Lodge.—William Mattocks, Senior Warden.

Newton Lodge.—Unrepresented.

Hiram Lodge.—Zadock Huggins, Master; Senior Warden and Junior Warden by proxy.

Franklin Lodge.—Seth Pomeroy, Master.

Mount Moriah Lodge.—Jesse Swift, Junior Warden.

Proceeded to the election of officers. The ballots being taken, M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ., was elected Grand Master.

HON. SAMUEL HITCHCOCK, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Master.
HON. STEPHEN JACOB, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
WILLIAM COOLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL BRUSH, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
ROSWELL HOPKINS, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
CORNELIUS LYNDE, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
SETH POMEROY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Deacon.
ANTHONY RHODES,	Grand Steward.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Pursuivant.
BETHUEL GOODRICH,	Grand Tyler.

A petition for a Lodge by the name of Cement Lodge to hold regular communications, etc., in West Haven, which was referred from the last grand communication, and a petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in the town of Greensborough; a petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Hinesburgh; and a petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Charlotte, were severally read, and ordered to lie for consideration.

Received of the Treasurer of Olive Branch Lodge nineteen dollars, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned until Monday evening next, 5 o'clock.

MONDAY Evening, October 13th, 1800.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Josias Smith, Esq., Past Master; Charles Bulkley, Esq., Past Master.

On motion,

Ordered, That Brother D. Russell, be appointed in addition to the committee for examining the officers proposed in a petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Middle Hero by the name of Rising Sun Lodge.

Brother Dudley Chase, Master of Federal Lodge, moved for a dispensation to hold communications alternately in Randolph and Chelsea, whereupon,

Ordered, That a dispensation be granted to Federal Lodge to hold their monthly communications alternately and such other special communications as may be ordered by the Master of said Lodge. in the towns of Randolph and Chelsea.

A petition from Brother Thomas Tolman and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in the town of Greensboro, was read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a charter therefor issue accordingly.

A petition from Brother John N. Bennet and others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Bridport, was read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a charter issue therefor accordingly.

The petitions praying for Lodges to be constituted in Charlotte and Hinesburgh were withdrawn.

Adjourned until Friday evening next, 5 o'clock.

MIDDLEBURY, Friday Oct. 17th, A. L. 5800.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

R. W. Samuel Hitchcock, Deputy Grand Master; Simeon Lester, Past Master.

The petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in West Haven by the name of Cement Lodge was read and the prayer thereof granted, and ordered that a charter issue accordingly.

Resolved, That the committee of correspondence of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby directed to write to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, acknowledging the receipt of their communication, and assuring them that their request will meet proper attention in this Lodge, and the result be communicated in due time.

The petition praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Middle Hero was referred to the next communication.

Received of the Treasurer of Union Lodge ten dollars as fees for initiating ten candidates.

Adjourned until Thursday evening next.

MIDDLEBURY, Thursday, October 23d, A. L. 1800.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

At the request of the Master of Morning Sun Lodge,

Ordered, That a dispensation be granted to said Lodge to be installed, and to hold their communications in the town of Addison, until a convenient room can be completed in the town of Bridport for the purpose.

The M. W. Grand Master presented an account for his services and expenses for installing Mount Moriah Lodge, twenty dollars, and for installing Newton Lodge, twelve dollars. The same was allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay John Chipman, Esq., Grand Master, thirty-two dollars; also,

ordered that the Treasurer pay B. Goodrich, Grand Treasurer, four dollars; also, that the Treasurer pay to the Secretary twenty dollars, being the expenses of the Grand Lodge the present communication.

Received forty-five dollars, being the fees for the charters, Cement, Morning Sun and Meridian Sun Lodges.

Lodge closed in ample form.

1801.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont met at Newbury on the ninth day of October, A. L. 5801, agreeably to the Constitution.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
W. STEPHEN JACOB,	Grand Senior Warden.
WILLIAM COOLEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
ROSWELL HOPKINS,	Grand Secretary.
SETH POMEROY,	Grand Junior Deacon.

MEMBERS.

Brothers E. Marvin, Past Master; T. Tolman, late Grand Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

No. 1.—Not represented.

No. 2, *North Star.*—The Master, by Gilbert Bradley, proxy.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—The Master, by J. G. Fitch, proxy; the Senior Warden, by Roswell Hopkins, proxy; the Junior Warden, by El. Keyes, Esq., proxy.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5. The Master by S. Storrs, proxy; the Senior Warden by Joel Linsley, proxy; the Junior Warden by Samuel Mattocks, Jr., proxy.

No. 6, *Centre Lodge.*—The Master by Thomas Hammond, proxy; the Senior Warren by Nichols Goddard, proxy; the Junior Warden by Abel Spencer, proxy.

No. 7, *Washington.*—The Master by Benjamin Harrington, proxy; S. Miller, Senior Warden; the Junior Warden by Samuel Bottom, proxy.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—William Cooley, Master; the Senior Warden and Junior Warden by Elisha Averill, proxy.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Seth Pomeroy, Master.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—A. Leland, Master; Senior Warden by A. Leland, proxy; the Junior Warden by —— Prentiss, proxy.

No. 12. Master by Jonathan Baker, proxy.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Not represented.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—D. Chase, Master; the Senior Warden by R. H. proxy; the Junior Warden by Jos. Edson, proxy.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—The Senior Warden and Junior Warden by T. Stanley, proxy.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—J. Strong, Master.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

Proceeded to the election of officers. The ballots being taken

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ., was elected	Grand Master.
R. W. JABEZ G. FITCH, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. STEPHEN JACOB, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. WM. COOLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. SETH STORRS, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. ROS'L. HOPKINS, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
JOHN COOK, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
SETH POMEROY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Micah Baron, Esq., Grand Steward.

A petition from Medad Lyman, Wm. B. Marsh, Ezra Marsh and twenty one others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Charlotte, was read and the prayer thereof granted, and,

Ordered, That a charter issue accordingly.

Adjourned until to-morrow, three o'clock afternoon.

NEWBURY, October 10th, 5801.

Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Ordered, That the ordinance passed October seventeenth, five thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, directing the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to pay one dollar to the Grand Treasurer for each person initiated, and which was on the twelfth day of October, A. L. five thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, continued in force for two years longer, be, and the same is hereby continued in full force and effect for two years from this date, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to give to each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge due notiee thereof, and also to request each Lodge to transmit to him the balance due for initiating fees and likewise to request each Lodge to transmit to him proper returns agreeably to the bye-laws of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the officers of the Grand Lodge and the officers of the several secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be requested to meet at Middlebury on Thursday next preceding the third Tuesday of January next, and establish a uniform and regular mode of working and appoint some suitable person as a lecturer to lecture the several secular lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and to advise each of the secular Lodges to employ such person to give them regular lectures in Masonry, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to give proper notice to each Lodge accordingly.

Ordered, That Brother Cooley be appointed as a committee to settle with Brother Brush, late Grand Treasurer, and make a transfer of the books, money, etc., to the present Grand Treasurer.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire was read.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master and the late R. W. Deputy Grand Master, answer the same.

WHEREAS, It is represented that Brother Erwin, who was appointed a Master to constitute a Lodge in West Haven by the name of Cement Lodge, No. 19, has removed out of the State previous to the installation of said Lodge, which has prevented said Lodge from being duly installed, therefore,

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint such Brother as he shall judge proper to preside as Master for the installing said Lodge, and to preside until the members of said Lodge shall regularly elect a Master.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay Brother M. Johnson two dollars for tyling the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay Colonel Johnson for the expenses of the Grand Lodge during the present communication.

Received fifteen dollars of Brother Newell for the charter fees of Friendship Lodge, No. 20.

Received of the Treasurer of Center Lodge, fifty-seven dollars; also, received of the Treasurer of Dorchester Lodge, seven dollars; also, received of the Treasurer of Mount Moriah Lodge, fourteen dollars; all for initiation fees.

Lodge closed in ample form.

Attest,

ROSWELL HOPKINS,
Grand Secretary.

Received, January 1, 5802, eleven dollars of the Treasurer of Morning Sun Lodge for initiation fees.

ROSWELL HOPKINS,
Grand Secretary.

1802.

At a communication holden at Middlebury in the County of Addison, on the twenty-first day of January, A. D., five thousand eight hundred and two, agreeably to an ordinance of the Grand Lodge passed the 10th day of October, A. L., 5801.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
R. W. JABEZ G. FITCH,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. STEPHEN JACOB,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. WM. COOLEY,	Grand Junior Warden,
ROS'L HOPKINS,	Grand Secretary.
JOHN COOK,	Grand Senior Deacon.
OZIAS FULLER, as	Grand Junior Warden.
ASA STRONG, as	Grand Priest.
BETHUEL GOODRICH,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTATIVES.

Brother Eb. Marvin.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Dorchester Lodge.—Jesse Lyman, Master.

Union Lodge.—John Chipman, Master.

Center Lodge.—Ozias Fuller, Master; Ben'a. Lord, Senior Warden; William Storer, Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge.—Wm. Cooley, Master; Wm. Underhill, Junior Warden.

Aurora Lodge.—Benjamin Walker, Master; Erastus Waters, Senior Warden.

Newton Lodge.—James Huntington, Senior Warden; Cornelius Younglove, as Junior Warden, by proxy.

Morning Star Lodge.—Joel Barber, Master; Daniel Hamblin, Senior Warden; Albon Mann, Junior Warden.

On motion, Brother William Underhill went through with the Entered A. Lecture, after which adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

MIDDLEBURY, January 22d, 5802.

Brother Underhill went through with the Master's lecture, when, on motion, it was unanimously agreed that the mode of working agreeably to

Brother Underhill's plan, be adopted as the mode of working in the several secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. On motion,

Ordered, That a Lecture Master be appointed at this communication to lecture the several secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, when Brother Wm. Underhill, Junior Warden of Hiram Lodge, be and he is hereby appointed as a Lecture Master, accordingly.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the several secular Lodges to employ said Lecture Master to give them regular lectures in Masonry.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay Brother Wm. Underhill ten dollars for his attendance; also to the Grand Secretary two dollars; also to Sam'l Mattocks, Jr., eighteen dollars; being the expenses of this communication.

Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

BURLINGTON, October 15th, A. L. 5802.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Burlington, on the 15th day of October, Anno Lucis, five thousand eight hundred and two, agreeably to the constitution.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
W. WM. COOLEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. SETH STORRS,	Grand Treasurer.
W. ROS. HOPKINS,	Grand Secretary.
JOHN COOK,	Grand Senior Deacon.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Priest.

MEMBERS.

Brother Cornelius Lynde, Past Master; Ebn'r Marvin, Past Master; Orimel Hinckley, Past Master; Benj'n Carroll, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

Vermont, No. 1.—Not represented.

North Star, No. 2.—Brother Richardson, Master; S. Swift, Senior Warden.

Dorchester Lodge, No. 3.—Brother Joseph Smith, Master, by proxy; A. Ferris, Junior Warden, by proxy.

Temple Lodge, No. 4.—Not represented.

Union Lodge, No. 5.—Brother S. Storrs, Master, by proxy; Samuel Foot, Senior Warden, by proxy; and S. Mattocks, Jr., Junior Warden, by proxy.

Center Lodge No. 6.—By proxy, Brother Hammond, Master; Brother Cook, Senior Warden; Brother Spencer, Junior Warden.

Washington Lodge, No. 7.—Brother D. Russell; and by proxy, Brother E. Keyes, Senior Warden, and Brother Englesby, Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge, No. 8.—Brother Wm. Cooley, Master; E. Averill, Senior Warden; Wm. Underhill, Junior Warden.

Aurora Lodge, No. 9.—Brother P. Davis, Master, by proxy; D. Wing, Jr., Junior Warden, by proxy; and Brother Knapp, Senior Warden.

Franklin Lodge. No. 10.—Not represented.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 11.—By proxy, Brother Leland, Master; Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Newton Lodge, No. 12.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13.—Not represented.

Harmony Lodge, No. 14.—Not represented.

Federal Lodge, No. 15.—Brother D. Chase, Master, and by proxy, Brother Theodore Huntington, Senior Warden, and Brother J. Edson, Junior Warden.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 16.—Not represented.

Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 17.—By proxy, Brother Stanley, Master; and Senior Warden; Brother Hinman, Junior Warden.

Morning Sun Lodge, No. 18.—By proxy, Brother John Strong, Master; Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Cement Lodge, No. 19.—Not represented.

Friendship Lodge, No. 20.—Wm. B. Marsh, Senior Warden.

Proceeded to the election of officers. The ballots being taken, resulted as follows:

M. W. John Chipman, Esq., re-elected	Grand Master.
R. W. Aaron Leland, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. William Cooley, Esq.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Charles Bulkey, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs, Esq., re-elected	Grand Treasurer.
W. Josias Smith, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
W. John Cook, Esq., re-elected	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Tho's Tolman, Esq.,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Lyman King, Esq.,	Grand Steward.
W. Micah Barrow, Esq.,	Grand Marshal.
W. Wm. Underhill, Esq.,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Asa Strong, Esq.,	Grand Pursuivant.
Israel Dibble, Esq.,	Grand Toiler.

Received of Dorchester Lodge six dollars for initiating six members the year past; also received of the Master of North Star Lodge, eight dollars for initiating three members in 5801 and five members in 5802. Received by Brother R. Hopkins and paid Grand Treasurer.

The petition of Hiram Horton and ten others, praying for a Lodge to be constituted in Brandon, was read, and the prayer thereof granted. Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Charter issue accordingly by the name of Washington Lodge, No. 21.

The returns by the Secretary made and a communication containing the proceedings of the brethren of Aurora Lodge, No. 19, on the complaint of Brother Robert Paddock, against Brother Cyrus Ware, read and ordered to lie.

On motion of W. Brother Roswell Hopkins

Ordered, That W. Brothers Jabez G. Fitch, Enoch Woodbridge and Joseph Smith be a Committee to examine, adjust and allow the accounts of Brother Hopkins as Grand Secretary, and draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Received of Newton Lodge, No. 12, fifteen dollars; and also Olive Branch Lodge, No. 11, twenty-five dollars on account of dues, and the same paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned until Monday next, 6 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, October 18th, 5802.

Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT.

Brother Medad Lyman, Past Master; and Brother Jesse Lyman, Past Master.

On motion of Brother J. Cook,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the complaint of Brother Paddock against Brother Ware be postponed to the next communication.

A communication from the Secretary of Morning Sun Lodge was read, notifying the expulsion of Heman Miller.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed October 16th, A. L. 5799 to examine the officers named in a petition for constituting a Lodge in Middle Hero be discharged and that the consideration of said petition be referred to the next communication.

Ordered, That Brothers Joseph Smith, Daniel Chipman and Seth Storrs be a committee to examine the state of the Treasury and settle the accounts of the Treasurer; also, ordered that the said committee collect all the Bye-Laws and ordinances of the Grand Lodge and report such revision and amendments as they may judge expedient to this Lodge at their next communication.

A communication of Brother Wm. Underhill, as Grand Lecture Master, relative to the situation of the several secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge was read. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested, by himself or some Brother to be by him duly appointed, in the year ensuing, to visit all the

secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; to instruct the craft according to the ancient usages of Masonry; to establish an uniform system of working; to decide all controversies between Brethren, which may be brought before him by appeal from the decision of any secular Lodge, and to inquire into the cause or causes of the decay of Masonry, or of disunion among the Brethren of any secular Lodge, with power of calling to his assistance any Brethren he may judge proper, to decide on controversies and heal difficulties, and that such compensation shall be allowed for these services out of the funds of this Lodge as may be judged reasonable.

On motion of Brother Medad Lyman,

Ordered, That a dispensation be granted to Friendship Lodge, No. 20, of holding their communications one-half the year in the town of Hinesburgh.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay the M. W. Grand Master twelve dollars as a compensation for installing Cement Lodge, No. 19, and Friendship Lodge, No. 20.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay Brother Tyler for tyling, and Brother Steward the expenses of the Lodge at this communicatton. Brother Tyler $2.00, Brother Steward $12.00.

Lodge closed in ample form.

Attest,

JOSIAS SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

OCTOBER 19.—Received of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, by Brother S. Pomeroy, ten dollars for fees of initiations, as per return.

Received of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 17, by Brother Tolman, twenty two dollars for fees of initiating 22 members as per return.

OCTOBER 21.—Received of Brother B. Douglass his note for fifteen dollars for charter fees of Washington Lodge No. 21, and charter issued.

Attest,

JOSIAS SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

FEBRUARY 7, 5803.—Friendship Lodge No. 20 duly installed at Hinesburgh this day, by the M. W. Grand Master agreeably to dispensation granted October 18, 5802, and four dollars paid him on account of dues.

Washington Lodge No. 21, duly installed at Brandon, January 27, 5803, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Meridian Sun Lodge No. 17, duly installed at Greensboro, February 11th, 5803 by the M. W. Grand Master.

Received March 22d, 1803, of the Secretary of Center Lodge, nine dollars on account of initiation dues.

Received October 9th, of Friendship Lodge No. 20, twelve dollars on account of dues for initiations in said Lodge.

Received also five dollars of Washington Lodge No. 7, on account of dues, etc., and also an order drawn by Brother R. Hopkins, late G. Secy., for thirty-three dollars, the same having been paid by said Lodge, January 16, 1802.

JOSIAH SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1803.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Westminster, October 14th, .L. 5803, agreeably to the constitution.

PRESENT.

:. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
.. W. AARON LEELAND,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. CHARLES BULKLEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. THOS. TOLMAN,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. WM. UNDERHILL,	Grand Standard Bearer.

MEMBERS.

Hon. Stephen Jacob Esq., Past Grand Senior Warden; David Fay, Esq., ast Master; Patrick Wall, Past Master; David Leavitt, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

Vermont, No. 1.—Return B. Brown, Master; S. and J. Wardens, by roxy.

North Star, No. 2.—Ezra Isham, Master; and by proxy S. and J. Warens.

Dorchester, No. 3.—Samuel Strong, Master; and by proxy, E. D. Woodridge, J. W.; and by proxy S. W.

Temple, No. 4.—Not represented.

Union, No. 5.—Not represented.

Center, No. 6.—Nichols Goddard, Master; C. Hendee, Jr., S. W., and bel Spencer, J. W., both by proxy.

Washington, No. 7.—Joshua Isham, Master; and Joel Brown, S. W., by roxy.

Hiram, No. 8.—John Sergeant, Master; C. Hopkins, S. W., and J. one, J. W., all by proxy.

Aurora, No. 9.—D. Wing, Jr., Master; S. Day, S. W., and S. Putman, . W. all by proxy.

Franklin, No. 10.—Seth Pomeroy, M., and S. W., by proxy; and J. P. Villiams, J. W., by proxy.

Olive Branch, No. 11.—A. Leeland, M.; J. Sergeant, S. W., and J. arbell, J. W., by proxy.

Newton, No. 12—Jonathan Baker, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W.

Golden Rule, No. 13.—Martin Field, M.; P. White, S. W., and by roxy J. W.

Harmony, No. 14.—N. Edson, S. W., by proxy.

Federal, No. 15.—J. Woodward, M.; J. Dana, S. W., and J. Tarbox, . W. by proxy.

Mount Moriah, No. 16.—Abner Perry, M.; and by proxy, S. W.

Meridian Sun, No. 17.—S. C. Crafts, M., by proxy; T. Stanley, S. W., and T. Tolman, J. W.

Morning Sun, No. 18.

Cement, No. 19.—Reuben Nash, S. W., by proxy.

Friendship, No. 20.—Samuel Rich, M.; S. and J. W., by proxy.

Washington, No. 21.—B. Douglass, S. W.; and by proxy M.; R. Saxton, J. W., by proxy.

Lodge opened in due and ancient form.

W. Wm. Underhill,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
Samuel C. Crafts,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Enoch D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Thomas Tolman,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Nicholas Goddard,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*

Proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. The following were duly elected.

M. W. John Chipman, Esq.,	Grand Master.
R. W. Aaron Leeland, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. William Cooley, Esq.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Charles Bulkeley, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Josias Smith, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
Thos. Tolman, Esq.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Nichols Goddard,	Grand Junior Deacon.
Martin Field,	Grand Steward.
Micah Barron,	Grand Marshal.
Wm. Underhill,	Grand Standard Bearer.
Timothy Stanley,	Grand Pursuivant.
Ichabod Idle,	Grand Toiler.

Received of Center Lodge, No. 6, six dollars on account of dues for initiation; of Washington Lodge, No. 21, nineteen dollars; of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13, five dollars; of Cement Lodge, No. 19, eleven dollars; of North Star Lodge, No. 2, one dollar; and of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 17, three dollars.

Lodge adjourned until to-morrow at 2 o'clock p. m., and closed in due and ancient form.

Saturday, October 15th, A. L. 5803.

Lodge opened in due and ancient form.

The petition of Timothy Hinman, Eliphalet Bangs and others, praying for a charter constituting a Lodge in Derby, by the name of Lively Stone, was presented by Brother Samuel C. Crafts and read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a charter issue accordingly.

Lodge adjourned until Monday next at 5 o'clock, P. M. and closed in due form.

MONDAY, October 17th, 5803.

Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment and opened in due form.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay Vermont Lodge, No. 1, twelve dollars, being for money heretofore paid by that Lodge for expenses of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That Br. Treasurer Amasa Stowell and Enoch D. Woodbridge be a committee to examine and adjust the account of the M. W. Grand Master for his services in visiting the secular Lodges, agreeably to the ordinance of this Lodge at their last grand communication and that the Treasurer pay such sum as said committee may find due.

A petition, subscribed by two-thirds of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by their respective Masters, Wardens or proxies as their representatives, praying for an amendment and revision of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, was read, whereupon

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition for amendment and revision of the constitution, as to the time and place of holding the annual Grand communications be granted, and that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue his warrant in form for calling a convention accordingly.

Resolved, That such convention be holden at Middlebury, in the county of Addison, on the third Wednesday of January next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Ordered, That the Secretary pay the expenses of the Grand Lodge at this communication, including five dollars to Br. Toiler.

Paid M. W. Grand Master thirty-one dollars.

Paid Br. Steward's bill, fifteen dollars and fifty cents.

Paid Br. Toiler five dollars.

Lodge adjourned until the third Wednesday of January next at 9 o'clock A. M., then to convene at Middlebury, and closed in due and ancient form.

Attest,

ENOCH D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

Warrant issued to the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as follows, viz:

BRETHREN:—In pursuance of the foregoing ordinances of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and agreeably to the constitution thereof, you are directed to elect and duly commission from your Lodge three representatives, who are

to meet in convention at the time and place above mentioned and for the purpose contained in the aforesaid ordinance, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Witness the M. W. John Chipman, Esq., Grand Master, at Middlebury, this 5th day of November, A. L. 5803.

JOS. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

Received November 26, 5803, of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, nine dollars on account dues.

1804.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Middlebury on the third Wednesday, being the 18th day of January, A. L. 5804, agreeably to adjournment, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
W. WILLIAM COOLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. CHARLES BULKELY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. SETH STORRS, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOSIAS SMITH, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
THOS. TOLMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
N. GODDARD,	Grand Junior Deacon.
GOODRICH,	Grand Toiler, *pro tem.*
T. STANLEY.	Grand Pursuivant.

MEMBERS.

Hon. Enoch Woodbridge, Esq., Past Deputy Grand Master; David Russell, Esq., Past Master; Jesse Lyman, Esq., Past Master; James L. Husten, Past Master; Ozias Fuller, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES, ETC.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Return B. Brown, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Not represented.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—L. E. Hall, M.; E. D. Woodbridge, S. W; W. Barritt, J. W.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union.*—J. Chipman, M.; J. Linsley, S. W; J. Woodward, J. W.

No. 6, *Center.*—N. Goddard, M.; C. Hendee, Jr., J. W.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Titus A. Cook, M. by proxy.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—E. Watrous, S. W. by proxy.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—S. Pomeroy, S. W. by proxy; Z. Willoby, J. W. by proxy.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—A. Leeland, M., and J. W. by proxy; Br. Earl, S. W.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Jason Duncan, M., and S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—John Woodward, M.; J. C. Waller, S. W. by proxy; D. Pride, J. W.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Mathew Long, M.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—S. C. Crafts, M.; T. Stanley, S. W.; Thos. Tolman, J. W., by proxy.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Br. Barber, M.; Br. Hamblin, S. W.; Br. Hall, J. W.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Br. Horton, M.; Br. Rice, J. W.

The petition of a number of Brethren praying for a charter constituting a Lodge in Woodstock in the County of Windsor by the name of Warren was presented and read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted and that a charter issue accordingly.

The petition of a number of Brethren praying for a charter constituting a Lodge in Chelsea in the County of Orange by the name of George Washington, was presented and read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted and that a charter issue accordingly.

Ordered, That this Grand Lodge stand adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M., and closed in due form, etc.

THURSDAY, January 19, A. L. 5804.

Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment and opened in due and ancient form.

Ordered, That the annual grand communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October.

Ordered, That the Chisel shall not in future be given as the working tool of an entered apprentice Mason, in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That this Grand Lodge convene at Rutland in the County of Rutland in October next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Received of Br. John Woodward fifty dollars on account of dues from Federal Lodge, No. 15, for which a receipt is given. Received also of same fifteen dollars for charter fees of George Washington Lodge, No. 24.

Lodge closed in ample form.

Attest.

Received January 29, 5804, of Alexander Hutchinson, fifteen dollars for charter fees of Warren Lodge, No. 23, for which a receipt is given.

Attest.

May 26, 1804, delivered the M. W. Grand Master Jno. Chipman, Benajah Douglass' note for $15, given for charter fees of Washington Lodge, No. 21.

RUTLAND, Tuesday, October 9th, A. L. 5804.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Rutland in the County of Rutland on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday, being the 9th day of October, A. L. 5804, agreeably to the ordinance and vote of said Lodge, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
R. W. AARON LEELAND, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. JOHN COOK, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. CHARLES BULKLEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. SOLOMON WILLIAMS,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSIAS SMITH, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary.
REUBEN WASHBURN,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Junior Deacon.
JESSE G. COOK,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

David Fay, Esq., Past Master; Dudley Chase, Esq., Past Master; Jonathan Wells, Esq., Past Master; Benjamin Lord, Past Master; Ezekiel Porter, Past Master; Ephraim W. Bisbee, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES, ETC.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—R. B. Brown, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Christopher Roberts, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Solomon Miller, M., by proxy; Enoch D. Woodbridge, S. W.; and by proxy, J. W.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union.*—Solomon Williams, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 6, *Center.*—Nichols Goddard, M.; C. Hendee, Jr., S. W.; R. Washburn, J. W.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—A. Leeland, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—James Fitch, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Not represented.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Joel Barber, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Not represented.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Not represented.

The Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the following were duly elected:

M. W. John Chipman, Esq.,	Grand Master.
R. W. Aaron Leeland, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Charles Bulkly, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Josias Smith, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
John Woodward,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Seth Pomeroy,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. G. M., appointed Reuben Washburn and Return B. Brown, Grand Stewards; Micah Barron, Esq., Grand Marshal; Wm. Underhill, Grand Standard Bearer; Timothy Stanley, Esq., Grand Pursuivant; and James Wilder and Jesse G. Cook, Grand Toilers.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island were read.

Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, and closed in ample form.

Rutland, Wednesday, October 10, A. L. 5804.

Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. John Chipman, Esq.,	Grand Master.
R. W. Aaron Leeland, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Charles Bulkely, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Solomon Williams,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. Josias Smith, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
Enoch D. Woodbridge, Esq.,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Joel Barber, Esq.,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Caleb Hendee, Esq.,	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
Jesse G. Cook,	Grand Toiler.
Return B. Brown, Reuben Washburn,	Grand Stewards.
Stephen Jacob, Esq.,	Past Grand Senior Warden.

MEMBERS.

James Fitch, Jonathan Wells, Esq.

Ordered, That the annual grand communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden alternately on the east and west sides of the mountain, at such places as may hereafter be established by the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That Windsor in the County of Windsor be established as the place for holding the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge on the east side of the mountain.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master answer all communications received from the different Grand Lodges within the United States, and from time to time transmit to such Grand Lodges the constitution, bye-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the State of Vermont be divided into ten Masonic Districts in manner following, viz.:

The County of Windsor to be denominated the first district; the County of Bennington, the second; the County of Addison, the third; the County of Rutland, the fourth; the County of Chittenden, the fifth; the County of Caledonia, the sixth; the County of Franklin, the seventh; the County of Windham, the eighth; the County of Orange, the ninth; and the Counties of Orleans and Essex, the tenth district.

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master by and with the advice of the Grand Lodge, at the annual Grand Communication, appoint in each of the said districts, except in the districts in which the M. W. Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall reside, an assistant Deputy, whose duty it shall be at least once in each year to visit and instruct in the mysteries of Masonry all the lodges in his district; to install new lodges if necessary, and make report of the state of the several lodges in his district to this Grand Lodge at their annual Grand Communication.

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master, by and with advise of the Grand Lodge, appoint an assistant Secretary to this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be, in the absence of the Secretary, to perform the duties of that office.

Ordered, That the ordinance of this Grand Lodge passed October 17th, A. L. 5797, regulating the payment of monies to this Grand Lodge by the secular lodges under its jurisdiction be revived and continued in force until the further order of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That a Committee to assist the Secretary be appointed to examine, collect and arrange all the bye-laws and ordinances of this Grand Lodge, and procure the same to be printed and annexed to the constitution.

Brother David Edmond appointed a committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary transmit to all the secular lodges under the jurisdiction of this lodge, copies of the said bye-laws and regulations as soon as may be, after the same shall be printed as aforesaid, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the expense accruing thereon.

Ordered, That Brother Solomon Williams be a committee to settle the accounts of the M. W. Grand Master for his services the year past, and that Brother David Edmond be a committee to settle with the Treasurer and Secretary, and make report to this lodge at the next communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brother David Fay, Esq., assistant Deputy for District No. 2; Ozias Fuller for No. 4; David Russell for No. 5; Erastus Watrous for No. 6; Seth Pomeroy for No. 7; David Leavitt for No. 8; Cornelius Lynde for No. 9; and Samuel C. Crafts for No. 10; and Enoch D. Woodbridge, Assistant Grand Secretary of this lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be directed to pay Brother Steward's bill, being $17.34, and Brother Toiler's fees being $4.00, paid for rent.

Lodge closed in due form.

Attest.

October 9th, A. L. 5804. Received of Morning Sun Lodge, No. 18, $2.00, for which a receipt is given; also received of Dorchester Lodge, No. 3, $8.00, for which a receipt is given. Received October 10th, A. L., 5804, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13, $5.00; also of Washington Lodge, No. 21, by H. Horton, $4.00; also of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, by E. Everts, $8.00; also of Warren Lodge, No. 23, by A. Hutchinson, $19.00, for which receipts are given.

Attest.

JOS. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1805.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, in the County of Windsor, on the Tuesday preceding the 2d Thursday, being the 8th day of October, A. L. 5805, agreeable to the ordinance of said lodge, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. LUTHER E. HALL,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
ALEXANDER HUTCHINSON,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
E. D. WOODBRIDGE,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
BENJ'N LORD,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
OZIAS FULLER,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
RETURN B. BROWN,	Grand Steward.
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON,	Grand Pursuivant. *pro tem.*
RUFUS NORTON,	Past Toiler, *pro tem.*

MEMBERS.

Jesse Lyman, Past Master; John Henry, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES, ETC.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Timothy Lull, Master; James Dean, Senior Warden; Woodbury Massey, Junior Warden.

No. 2, *North Star Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 3, *Dorchester Lodge.*—Luther E. Hall, Master; and by proxy, Senior and Junior Warden.

No. 4, *Temple Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Christopher Johnson, Senior Warden; and by proxy, Master and Junior Warden.

No. 6, *Center Lodge.*—Nichols Goddard, Master; and by proxy, Senior and Junior Warden.

No. 7, *Washington Lodge.*—John Storrs, Junior Warden; and by proxy, Master and Senior Warden.

No. 8, *Hiram Lodge.*—Ephraim Fitch, Master, Senior and Junior Warden; all by proxy.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Franklin Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Olive Branch Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton Lodge.*—Simeon Cole, Senior Warden; and by proxy, Master and Junior Warden.

No. 13, *Golden Rule Lodge.*—Eli Green, Master, Senior and Junior Warden; all by proxy.

No. 14, *Harmony Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal Lodge.*—John Woodward, Master and Senior Warden, by proxy.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 19, *Cement Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Washington Lodge.*—Rufus Fisk, Master, Senior and Junior Warden; all by proxy.

No. 22, *Lively Stone Lodge.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—Alex'r Hutchinson, Master; and by proxy, Senior and Junior Warden.

No. 24, *George Washington Lodge.*—P. Chandler, Junior Warden; and by proxy, Master and Senior Warden.

Voted, That Brothers John Henry, Nichols Goddard and James Dean, be a committee to report an ordinance of this Grand Lodge to compel the secular lodges under its jurisdiction to have their lodges duly represented, and to make their annual returns, and pay their annual dues.

The petition of a number of the Brethren of Newton Lodge, No. 12, praying for liberty to hold their communications in the towns of Arlington and Shaftsbury—the present year in the town of Shaftsbury, and the following year in the town of Arlington, and so on, alternately, forever—was read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted.

Ordered, That Dorchester Lodge, No. 3, have liberty to hold any four successive communications in each year at Monkton, in the County of Addison.

Ordered, That in future, no member of any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed a vote in said lodge, unless he be a Master Mason.

The committee appointed to report an ordinance of this Grand Lodge, to compel the secular lodges under its jurisdiction to have their lodges duly represented, &c., made their report as follows, viz: That the first article of the bye-laws; the last sentence of the third ordinance of October 17th, 1796; the whole of the 3rd ordinance of October 17th, 1797; and the last ordinance of October 9th, 1804, ought in the opinion of your committee to be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "It shall be the duty of the officers of the Grand Lodge *personally*, to attend the annual communications of the secular lodges under its jurisdiction, to attend by their Masters and

Wardens, or the proxies of those officers (which proxies shall have the jewels of the officers whom they represent, and certificates of their appointment), and also to transmit to the Grand Secretary at the same time regular returns of the names of the persons whom they have initiated, passed and raised, together with one dollar for every entered apprentice, made in their several lodges since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge; and if any lodge shall neglect to send a proper person as representative, make such returns, and pay such dues, such neglect shall incur a fine of twenty dollars for the first, and fifty for every subsequent offence, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge; and any lodge neglecting to pay such fine or fines when demanded, shall be considered as having forfeited its charter. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to transmit a copy of this ordinance to the secular lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge," which was read and accepted.

The lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the following were duly elected:

M. W. John Chipman, Esq.,	Grand Master.
R. W. David Leavitt, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. John Henry, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Josias Smith, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
John Woodward,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Luther E. Hall, Esq.,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Return B. Brown, Reuben Washburn, and David Edmond, Grand Stewards; Micah Barron, Grand Marshal; Solo. Williams, Grand Standard Bearer; Woodbury Massey, Grand Pursuivant; Alanson Ferris and Rufus Norton, Grand Toilers.

The M. W. Grand Master also appointed Br. John Woodward, Assistant Deputy for District No. 1; William Cooley for No. 2; Ozias Fuller for No. 4; David Russell for No. 5; Erastus Watrous for No. 6; Seth Pomeroy for No. 7; Cornelius Lynde for No. 9; and Samuel C. Crafts for No. 10; and Enoch D. Woodbridge, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Lodge will not at this time establish a permanent place for holding the annual Grand Communication on the west side of the mountain.

Received of Hiram Lodge, No. 8, eleven dollars on account of dues and returns; of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 13, one dollar and returns; of Washington Lodge, No. 21, nine dollars and returns; of Center Lodge, No. 6, four dollars for the last year and five dollars for the present year and returns; of Washington Lodge, No. 7, four dollars and returns; of Warren Lodge No. 23, eight dollars and no returns; of George Washington Lodge, No. 24,

twelve dollars and no returns; of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 16, eighteen dollars and returns; of Federal Lodge, No. 15, thirty-six dollars and returns; of Union Lodge, No. 5, eight dollars, and of Vermont Lodge, No. 1, twenty-one dollars, for which receipts are given.

Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, and closed in ample form.

WINDSOR, Wednesday, October 9th, A. L. 5805.

Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JNO. CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. JOHN HENRY,	Grand Junior Warden.
ALEX'R HUTCHINSON,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
E. D. WOODBRIDGE,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
JNO. WOODWARD,	Grand Senior Deacon.
L. E. HALL,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. B. BROWN,	Grand Steward.
WOODBURY MASSEY,	Grand Pursuivant.
RUFUS NORTON,	Grand Toiler.

MEMBERS.

Jesse Lyman, Past Master.

Ordered, That no member of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to more than one vote in his individual capacity.

Voted, That the next communication of this Grand Lodge shall be holden at Vergennes, in the County of Addison, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

Ordered, That each secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall have full power to hear and determine all disputes between its own members, and to suspend, expel and restore them, with concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, from which decisions there shall be no appeal.

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That Bros. Christopher Johnson and Solomon Williams be a committee to settle with the M. W. Grand Master, Treasurer and Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and to draw an order on the Treasurer for whatever sum may be found due either of them, which the Treasurer is directed to pay.

Voted, That Br. Luther E. Hall and Enoch D. Woodbridge be a committee to collect and revise the bye-laws of this Grand Lodge and report at the next communication.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was read.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to pay the Grand Toiler four dollars, and the Steward's bill.

Lodge closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Assistant Grand Secretary.

1806.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Vergennes, in the County of Addison, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday, being the 7th day of October, A. L. 5806, agreeably to the ordinance thereof, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. John Henry,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Enoch D. Woodbridge,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
John Woodward,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Luther E. Hall,	Grand Junior Deacon.
David Edmond, Return B. Brown,	Grand Stewards.
Alanson Ferris,	Grand Toiler.

MEMBERS.

Major Jesse Lyman, Past Master; David Russell, Past Master; Francis Childs, Past Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Return B. Brown, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Serenus Swift, M.; and by proxy, S. and J. W.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Luther E. Hall, M.; Enoch D. Woodbridge, S. W.; and Roswell D. Hopkins, J. W., by proxy.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union.*—Henry Keeler, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 6, *Center.*—Nichols Goddard, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—John Henry, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Jonathan Nye, S. W.; and by proxy M. and J. W.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—John G. Wheelock, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Simeon Coles, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Lewis Joy, J. W.; and by proxy M. and S. W.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—William Mattocks, M.; Nathaniel Edson, S. W., and by proxy J. W.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Dudley Chase, M.; and by proxy S. W.; Nathaniel Evans, J. W.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jairus Hall, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Thomas Tolman, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benjamin Skiff, M., by proxy; William Bott, S. W. by proxy, and Joseph Corbin, J. W.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship*—Samuel Rich, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Jesse Hinds, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Timothy Hinman, M., by proxy.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Elisha Smith, S. W.; and by proxy M.; Sherman Dewey, J. W. by proxy.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Samuel Austin, J. W., and by proxy M.

The Lodge proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following were duly elected:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. John Henry,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Charles Bulkely,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Enoch D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary.
W. John Woodward,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Luther E. Hall,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal: Solomon Williams, Grand Standard Bearer; David Edmond and Nahum Mower, Grand Stewards; Asa Strong, Grand Pursuivant; Alanson Ferris and Rufus Root, Grand Toilers.

Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and closed in form.

Wednesday, October 8, A. L. 5806.

Lodge convened agreeable to adjournment, and after an address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain, opened in ample form.

NEW MEMBER PRESENT.

W. Josias Smith, Past Grand Secretary.

The petition of Zerah Willoby and others, praying for a charter for the formation of a Lodge in Cambridge, in the County of Franklin, by the name of Lamoille, presented by Bro. Jonathan Nye, was read.

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a charter issue accordingly.

The petition of a number of brethren praying for a charter for the formation of a Lodge in Bethel, in the County of Windsor, by the name of the Rising Sun, presented by Bro. John Woodward, was read, and by consent of the Lodge withdrawn.

Ordered, That the ordinance of this Grand Lodge, passed at their communication, October, 5805, granting a dispensation to Dorchester Lodge, to hold four successive communications in each year at Monkton, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That it be expedient to appoint a committee to petition the General Assembly of this State in behalf of this Grand Lodge, for an act of incorporation, by the name and style of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, with the same powers, privileges and immunities as are usually granted to bodies corporate and politic. Accordingly, the M. W. John Chipman, R. W. John Henry, and Brothers Dudley Chase, David Russell, Cephas Smith, Jr., Josias Smith and David Edmond were appointed.

Bro. David Edmond appointed a committee to settle with the former Secretary, and the present Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, and report at the next communication.

The committee appointed at the last communication to revise the bye-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge made the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont:

We the undersigned Committee, appointed to revise the bye-laws and regulations of said Lodge, report the following:

Article I. The communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Monday preceding the second Thursday of October, annually, at 9 o'clock A. M., alternately, on the East and West side of the mountain; and that Windsor, in the County of Windsor, be established on the East; and that Rutland, in the County of Rutland, on the West side of the said mountain, as the places for holding such communications for the term of four years.

Art. 2.—The State of Vermont shall be divided into ten Masonic Districts, in manner following, viz: The County of Windsor to be denominated the 1st District; the County of Bennington, the 2nd; the County of Addison, the 3rd; the County of Rutland, the 4th; the County of Chittenden, the 5th; the County of Caledonia, the 6th; the Counties of Franklin and Grand Isle, 7th; the County of Windham, the 8th; the County of Orange, the 9th; and the Counties of Orleans and Essex, the 10th District. And it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, by and with the advice of the Grand Lodge, at the annual communications, to appoint in each of the said districts an Assistant Deputy, whose duty it shall be, at least once in each year, to visit and instruct in the mysteries of Masonry all the Lodges in his District, to install new Lodges, if necessary, and make report of the state of the several Lodges in his district to this Grand Lodge, at their annual communications; for which services, the said deputies shall be paid by each Lodge he shall so visit, the sum of two dollars per day.

ART. 3.—It shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master annually to appoint Grand Chaplain, Stewards, Marshal, Sword Bearer, Pursuivant and Tilers.

ART. 4.—It shall be the duty of the officers of the Grand Lodge personally to attend the annual communications; and of the secular Lodges under its jurisdiction, to attend by their Masters and Wardens, or the proxies of those officers, which proxies shall have the Jewels of the Officers whom they represent, together with certificates of their appointment (which certificates shall be in the form annexed, marked A.—See Appendix); and also to transmit to the Grand Secretary at the same time, regular returns of the names of their officers, and the persons whom they have initiated, passed, and raised, together with one dollar for every entered apprentice made in their several Lodges, since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge (which returns shall be in the form annexed, marked B.—See Appendix); and if any Lodge shall neglect to send a proper person as representative, make due returns, and pay such dues for two annual successive communications of this Grand Lodge, shall be struck off the Grand Lodge Books, their charter being forfeited. But on proper application to the Grand Lodge, payment of dues, and making due returns, they may be restored to their former rank and privileges, if the Grand Lodge shall judge proper.

ART. 5.—All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, and without debate.

ART. 6.—A majority of the members present shall determine all questions, except in cases of the suspension, expulsion, or restoration of a member, in which cases two-thirds shall be required by ballot, the presiding officer in all cases to have a casting vote, and no other.

ART. 7.—No charter shall be granted for the formation of a Lodge, but upon the petition of five known and approved Master Masons, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated; which petition shall be accompanied by the recommendation of at least two-thirds of the Lodges in the Masonic District wherein the new Lodge is to be holden.

ART. 8.—For every charter for the formation of a new Lodge, shall be paid into the Grand Treasury twenty-five dollars, and five dollars to the Grand Secretary.

ART. 9.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge proper to be written, receive and collect all monies due to the Grand Lodge, pay them over to the Treasurer, and keep a regular account of the same, and to communicate to the several Grand Lodges within the United States, and to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, such matters as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time require.

ART. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all monies from the Grand Secretary, keep a regular account of the same, and pay them out to the order of the Grand Master, with the consent of the Lodge, and account therefor at every annual communication, and oftener if required.

ART. 11.—No Brother can be elected or appointed Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, who is not a Past Master.

ART. 12.—Every charge brought before this Grand Lodge against any member thereof shall be made in writing, and the member so charged shall be furnished with a copy thereof by the Grand Secretary: Any Brother suspended or expelled from the Grand Lodge shall also be suspended or expelled from any secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of this every Lodge, as aforesaid, shall be duly notified by the Grand Secretary.

ART. 13.—No Brother can be proxy for or represent more than one Lodge at the same time, nor can he vote as such proxy, if the person or persons whom he represents be present.

ART. 14.—Upon the demise of any Lodge within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of such Lodge shall, within twelve months afterwards, surrender to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, funds and furniture thereof, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 15.—No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, can at the same time act as a Master, Warden or proxy of a subordinate Lodge.

ART. 16.—The Grand Secretary may appoint his Deputy, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 17.—The jewels of the Grand Lodge shall be gilt with gold, the collars, aprons and trimmings shall be white, and the members from the secular Lodges shall wear their respective jewels.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ART. 1.—Each Lodge within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a transcript of the proceedings of such Lodge, wherein any member is suspended or expelled, or wherein any person's petition to be initiated hath been rejected; and the Grand Secretary shall, as soon as may be, communicate the same to each Lodge within and under said jurisdiction.

ART. 2.—When any person is proposed to be made a Mason who resides in another town, where a Lodge is holden, or nearer any regular Lodge than that in which he is proposed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to write to such other Lodge, to know if they have ever refused him admission, and if they know any just and lawful reason why he ought not

to be made a Mason; and to their report due weight and consideration ought to be given.

ART. 3.—No person shall be initiated at the same meeting of the Lodge at which his petition is presented, or passed at the same meeting he is initiated, or raised at the same meeting he is passed, that the members may have time to be fully satisfied as to the character of the candidate.

ART. 4.—The fees for initiating a candidate into the first degree of Masonry shall not be less than ten dollars, for passing two, and for raising three dollars.

ART. 5.—No Brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, and a Brother who has been a member of any Lodge cannot again be admitted a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, without first producing a regular dismission from such Lodge, with a certificate of his good standing, and that he has paid all dues to that Lodge.

ART. 6.—No Brother shall be admitted a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction until he has obtained the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

ART. 7.—None but Master Masons, being members of the Lodge, can propose or recommend a candidate for the honors of Masonry, or vote for their admission, passing or raising, or vote for the admission of members.

ART. 8.—Each secular Lodge within and under this jurisdiction shall have full power to hear and determine all disputes between its own members, to suspend and expel with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present from which decision there shall be no appeal; and if any member expelled apply for restoration, he shall be restored only by an unanimous ballot; but in case of suspension, only, two-thirds may restore. *Provided*, That all complaints shall be entered and the member thereof notified, one stated communication previous to any vote against him; and the like notice in case of a petition for restoration.

ART. 9.—The Grand Master has full right and authority not only to be present, but to preside in every Lodge under this jurisdiction, with the Master at his left hand.

ART. 10.—No funeral procession can be allowed without leave of the Senior Officer of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member; but no one can be entitled to this honor, unless he be a Master Mason and in regular standing. Nevertheless, a stranger may be honored with a funeral procession (if a Master Mason) by any Lodge, if they judge proper. Plain white aprons with white gloves and white stockings are proper to be worn at funerals.

ART. 11.—Every Lodge has an inherent right to make bye-laws and regulations for their own government and concerns, *Provided always*, That such laws and regulations are conformable to the principles of the order and usages of Masons, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

ART. 12.—Every Lodge may exercise all the right of discipline over Masons (not members thereof) who reside in the immediate vicinity of such Lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons while resident in the vicinity of such Lodge.

ART. 13.—All former by-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby repealed from and after the present communication.

LUTHER E. HALL, } *Committee.*
E. D. WOODBRIDGE, }

VERGENNES, October 7, A. L. 5806.

APPENDIX.

A.

I, A. B. Master of ——— Lodge, No. ——, do hereby appoint Brother C. D. representative in the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and in token thereof have sent my jewel, impowering him to act in my behalf, and hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever he may see cause to do in said capacity.

Given under my hand at ——— the ——— day of ——— A. L. 580 .

A. B., Master of ——— Lodge.

B.

Return to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Vermont of all those who have been initiated, passed, or raised in ———Lodge, No.—— from the —— day of ——— A. L. 580— to the —— day of ——— A. L. 580— of which Lodge A. B. is Master, C. D., S. W. and E. T., J. Warden.

Names.	Place of abode.	When initiated.	Fees to G. Lodge.	When passed fellow crafts.	When raised to the sublime degree of M. Mason.	Suspended, Expelled, or otherwise dealt with.

D. Lodge, No. ———, A. L.

A. B., Secretary.

Which report was read and accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. John Woodward, Assistant Deputy for District No. 1.; Col. William Cooley for No. 2.; Doct. L. E. Hall for No. 3; Ozias Fuller for No. 4; David Russell for No. 5; Erastus Watrous for No. 6; Seth Pomeroy for No. 7; Martin Field for No. 8; Maj. Cornelius Lynde for No. 9; and Samuel C. Crafts for No. 10.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Roswell D. Hopkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary transmit to Temple Lodge, Bennington, and Cement Lodge, West Haven, a citation to appear at the next stated communication of the Grand Lodge, to be holden at Windsor, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday in October next, with their charter, funds,

furniture and jewels; and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be forfeited, for non-compliance with the conditions of their charter and the ordinances of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge cause one hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their present communication to be printed; and that he transmit one copy thereof to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and to every secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed three hundred blank forms, of the description marked A, and two hundred of the description marked B, in the Appendix to the bye-laws of this Grand Lodge, and distribute them to the several secular Lodges for their use.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay any orders drawn by the Grand Master for the expenses of this communication.

Lodge closed in ample form, after an appropriate address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

A true copy.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

CITATION TO TEMPLE AND CEMENT LODGES.

VERGENNES, September 15, 1807.

BROTHERS:—You will please communicate to your Lodge the following ordinance of the Grand Lodge passed October 8, 1806.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary transmit to Temple Lodge, Bennington, and Cement Lodge, West Haven, a citation to appear at the next stated communication of the Grand Lodge to be holden at Windsor on the Monday preceding the second Thursday of October next with their charter, funds, furniture and jewels, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be forfeited for non-compliance with the conditions of their charter and the ordinances of the Grand Lodge.

It is expected that your Lodge will appear and shew cause accordingly.

A true copy.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

Directed to Secretary of said Lodges.

1807.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, on the Monday next preceding the second Thursday, being the 5th day of October, A. L. 5807, agreeably to the ordinance thereof, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
W. JOSEPH WINSLOW,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. RUFUS ROOT,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Grand Secetary, *pro tem.*
JOHN WOODWARD,	Grand Senior Deacon.
RETURN B. BROWN,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
JESSE LULL,	Grand Marshal.
RUFUS NORTON,	Grand Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Joseph Winslow, M.; Rufus Root, S. W.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Elisha Landon, S. W. and proxy for M.

No. 3. *Dorchester.*—John H. Sherrill, proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union.*—Joseph Woodward, proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 6, *Center.*—William Storer, proxy for S. W.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Sylvester Day, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Jonathan Nye, M.; Joseph Farnsworth, proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Aaron Leland, proxy for S. W.

No. 12, *Newton.*—James Denison, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Lewis Joy, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Israel P. Dana, J. W. and proxy for M.

No. 15, *Federal.*—John Woodward, M.; B. S. Edgerton, S. W.; Christopher Huntington, J. W.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jairus Hall, proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Eli Austin, proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Reuben Nash, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Ebenezer Childs, proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*--Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Alexander Hutchinson, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Samuel Austin, J. W., and proxy for M.

No. 25, ———Not represented.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Ezra Clark, M.

Brother Thomas Willmot presented the petition of a number of Brethren for a charter of a Lodge at Poultney, which was read. Brother Ezra Clark also moved for a charter for a Lodge at Middletown, there having been a dispensation to work, for the last year: both of which were referred to Brothers Jonathan Nye, George Robinson, and Joseph D. Farnsworth, who are to report their opinion of the expediency of the measure to-morrow morning.

Brother Reuben Nash, M., of Cement Lodge, West Haven, appeared in behalf of that Lodge, and showed satisfactory reasons why the same had not heretofore been properly represented: wherefore, it was,

Voted, That the said Lodge have leave to make their returns, on paying up their dues, and be freed from further censure for past neglect; all which was fully complied with.

Brother Reuben Nash moved, That the place of holding Cement Lodge, be altered, by striking out the name "West Haven," and inserting the name of "Benson" in the charter, but had not the regular certificates yet. From the representations made and there appearing no objection, it was

Voted, That the M. W. John Chipman, G. M., be authorized to make said alteration in the charter of said Lodge, on being presented with the regular certificates, in such case required by the rules of this Grand Lodge.

Brother George Robinson moved that a committee of five should be appointed to concert and recommend to this Grand Lodge ways and means for enforcing a more punctual attendance of the members, and keeping up an uniform mode of work in the secular Lodges, and to take into consideration all other prudential affairs of the Lodge, tending to the honor and regularity thereof: wherefore the M. W. John Chipman, Bros. George Robinson, Joseph Winslow, Jairus Hall, and Jonathan Nye were chosen of that committee.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing. Brethren chosen:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Martin Field,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Charles Bulkeley,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Isaac Greene,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Seth Storrs,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Enoch D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary.
John Woodward,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Doctor Luther E. Hall.	Grand Junior Deacon.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and closed in form.

TUESDAY, October 6, A. L. 5807.

Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment, and opened in ample form.

The committee appointed on the petition of Brother Willmot and others, and the motion of Brother Clark, made the following report:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, NOW SITTING:

Your committee, appointed on the petition of Bro. Wilmot and others, and the motion of Brother Clark, with leave report, that although they are deeply impressed with the very great impropriety of granting charters of Lodges so near to each other, and are unhappy in stating, that some circumstances relative to the obtaining a dispensation at Middletown, and a neglect in Aurora Lodge in not applying sooner for a charter from this Grand Lodge, deserve some censure, yet taking into consideration the present situation thereof, and circumstances attending both, in their opinion the prayer of each ought to be granted and a charter be issued to each; all which is submitted.

Which report was read and accepted, and Charters directed to be issued accordingly.

The following persons were nominated and chosen Assistant Deputies in their several Districts, viz.: John Woodward, No. 1; William Cooley, No. 2; Luther E. Hall, No. 3; Ozias Fuller, No. 4; David Russel, No. 5; Sylvester Day, No. 6; Jonathan Nye, No. 7; Lewis Joy, No. 8; Samuel Austin, No. 9; Samuel C. Crafts, No. 10; and Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal; Ozias Fuller, Grand Sword Bearer; William Storer and Joseph Farnsworth, Grand Stewards; Asa Strong, Grand Pursuivant; William Alvord and Lemuel Savage, Grand Tylers.

The Grand Lodge then called off and repaired to the Meeting House in grand procession, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the W. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, and the exercises closed by an able and well adapted prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fowler, of Windsor; after which the brethren partook of a splendid dinner, prepared by Bro. Pettis, and were then called to labor.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Bro. Jonathan Nye, return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his discourse delivered this day, present him with twenty dollars and request of him a copy for the press; the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to procure the same to be printed at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That when any member of any Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be expelled, such expulsion shall be by the Secretary of such Lodge caused to be published in some newspaper in this State, with a request to the printers in the United States to insert the same in their respective papers.

Resolved, That no apprentice or craft, initiated or passed in any Lodge within the United States shall be passed or raised in any Lodge, under the

ıriadiction of this Grand Lodge, other than that in which he was initiated, nless he have a written recommendation from the Lodge in which he was ıitiated or passed.

Resolved, That the several Assistant Deputies throughout this State be ıstructed and directed to visit the several subordinate Lodges in their respecve districts, who are not now represented, as soon as may be, and publicly ensure and reprimand them in behalf of this Grand Lodge, for neglecting to ıake proper returns, paying their dues and sending representatives at the resent communication, agreeably to the ordinances of the same; and that ıe Grand Secretary be directed to notify each Assistant Deputy of his ppointment, and of the several Lodges in each of their districts, who are elinquent.

Voted, That the M. W. John Chipman be added to the committee ppointed last communication, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer and ecretary, and that said committee report at the next communication of this rand Lodge.

Resolved, That the expense of the public dinner, with contingent xpenses of this communication, be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge, nd that the M. W. Grand Master examine the bills and give orders on the reasurer for the payment thereof.

A petition from a number of brethren of Grand Isle County, praying for charter for a Lodge at Middle Hero, was read and referred to a committee f three, to report at the next communication; wherefore, Bros. George obinson, Joseph D. Farnsworth and Jonathan Nye were chosen of that ommittee.

A petition from several brethren, for a charter for a Lodge to be estabshed at Royalton, by the name of Rising Sun Lodge, was read, and ıereupon

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and a charter ssued accordingly.

The Committee of Ways and Means pray leave to defer making a report ntil the next communication of this Grand Lodge, and thereupon leave was iven accordingly.

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand odge, at the present communication, be, by the Secretary, caused to be rinted and distributed to the secular Lodges at the expense of this Grand odge.

Grand Lodge closed in due form.

GEORGE ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

A true copy,

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

NO.	NAMES OF THE LODGES.	TOWNS WHERE HOLDEN.
1	Vermont	Windsor.
2	North Star	Manchester.
3	Dorchester	Vergennes.
4	Temple	Bennington.
5	Union	Middlebury.
6	Centre	Rutland.
7	Washington	Burlington.
8	Hiram	Pawlet.
9	Aurora	Montpelier.
10	Franklin	St. Albans.
11	Olive Branch	Chester.
12	Newton	Arlington and Shaftsbury.
13	Golden Rule	Putney.
14	Harmony	Danville.
15	Federal	Randolph.
16	Mount Moriah	Wardsboro.
17	Meridian Sun	Greensboro.
18	Morning Sun	Bridport.
19	Cement	West Haven.
20	Friendship	Charlotte and Hinesburgh.
21	Washington	Brandon.
22	Lively Stone	Derby.
23	Warren	Woodstock.
24	George Washington	Chelsea.
25	Lamoille	Cambridge.
26	Rainbow	Middletown.
27	Morning Star	Poultney.
28	Rising Sun	Royalton.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

1808.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Rutland, in the County of Rutland, on the Monday next preceding the 2nd Thursday, being the 10th day of October, Anno Lucis, 5808, agreeably to the ordinance of said Grand Lodge, and opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
W. CHARLES BULKELY,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. DAVID RUSSELL,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. E. D. WOODBRIDGE,	Grand Secretary.
W. and REV. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM STORER,	Grand Steward.
WILLIAM ALVORD,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Ozias Fuller, Josias Smith, Benj. Lord and Serenus Swift.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES, ETC.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Joel Lull, S. W. and by proxy M.; Gregory Stone, J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 2. *North Star.*—Joshua French, M.; Anson J. Sperry, J. W., and by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Enoch D. Woodbridge, M.: and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid,———

No. 4. *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 5, *Union.*—Henry Keeler, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Nichols Goddard, M.; William Storer, S. W.; James Porter, J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 7, *Washington.*—David Russell, M.; and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $8.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Socrates Hopkins, M.; Nathaniel Hamlin, by proxy, S. W.: and William Stevens, J. W. Dues paid, $9.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Parley Davis, M., S. and J. W., by proxy. Dues paid, $6.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Jonathan Nye, M. and by proxy, S. W.; Newton Hayes, by proxy J. W.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Belus Hard, M., S. and J. W., by proxy. Dues paid, $4.

No. 12, *Golden Rule.*—Joseph Metcalf, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Benjamin S. Edgarton, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jairus Hall, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Henry Hall, M. Dues paid, $7.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Jesse Parkill, S. W., and by proxy M. Dues paid, $10.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Rich, M. Dues paid, $8 for last year, $4 for present year.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Remuel Child, M., and S. W., by proxy; Ebenezer Child, by proxy, J. W. Dues paid, $17.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Hosea Ballou, M., and by proxy S. W.; Lemuel Richmond, J. W.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Samuel Austin, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $3.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Chauncy Bulkeley, S. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $2.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—John Woodward, M., and by proxy S. and J. W.

The Lodge proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing and the following were duly elected:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Jonathan Nye,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. John Woodward,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. David Russell,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. E. D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary.
Luther E. Hall,	Grand Senior Deacon.
James Porter,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The petition of a number of Brethren in Fairhaven, praying for a Charter, establishing a Lodge at said Fairhaven by the name of Mount Vernon Lodge was read, whereupon, on motion, Brothers Jos. Smith, Benjamin Lord and John Woodward were appointed a Committee to report the expediency of granting the prayer thereof.

Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, eight o'clock.

RUTLAND, Tuesday, October 11, A. L. 5808.

Lodge convened and opened agreeably to adjournment.

The following Brethren were nominated and appointed Assistant Depu-es in the several Districts, to wit:

District No. 1, John Woodward; 2, Belus Hard; 3, Luther E. Hall; , Nichols Goddard; 5, David Russell; 6, Erastus Watrous; 7, Carter lickok; 8, Martin Field; 9, Samuel Austin; 10, Thomas Tolman.

The Rev. Isaac Beal, appointed Grand Chaplain; Benjamin Lord, Grand larshal; Ozias Fuller, Grand Standard Bearer; Rufus Root and William torer, Grand Stewards; Lemuel Savage and William Alvord, Grand Tylers; sa Strong, Grand Pursuivant.

"The committee to whom was referred the petition of the brethren from 'airhaven, report that the same is not accompanied by the recommendation f two-thirds of the Lodges in the Masonic District where the said new Lodge s requested to be holden, agreeably to the 7th article of the bye-laws of his Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Grand Lodge then called off, and repaired to the meeting house in rand procession, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the W. nd Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; after which the brethen partook f a splendid dinner, and were then called to labor.

Resolved, That Bros. Cephas Smith, Jr., David Russell, and John Wood-rard be a committee to wait on Brother Nye, and return him the thanks of he Grand Lodge for his discourse delivered this day, and present him with wenty dollars, and request of him a copy for the press.

Resolved, That, if Bro. Nye give a copy of his discourse this day, for the ress, the Secretary is hereby directed to procure the same to be printed at he expense of this Grand Lodge.

Communications from New Hampshire and Rhode Island Grand Lodges rere read.

Voted, That the petition from Grand Isle County, for a Lodge at Middle Iero, be referred to the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to settle the accounts of osias Smith, late Grand Secretary; Seth Storrs, late Grand Treasurer, and . D. Woodbridge, Grand Secretary, and report the same at the next stated ommunication of this Grand Lodge; whereupon, Bros. George Robinson, uther E. Hall, and John Chipman were appointed a committee for that urpose.

WHEREAS, Temple Lodge, No. 4, hath not for the term of three years, een represented in this Grand Lodge, or made any returns thereto, therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Jonathan Nye, Deputy Grand Master, be ppointed a committee to call on said Lodge, and demand in the name of this

Grand Lodge, their charter, as the same for the reasons aforesaid is forfeited; and also to demand the jewels, funds and furniture of said Lodge, to be laid up in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

A petition of the Master and Wardens of Lamoille Lodge, No. 25, requesting of this Lodge the liberty of surrendering up their charter, for the present, was read, and ordered that the prayer of the said petition be granted and that the petitioners suspend for the present their work as a Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary pay the Stewards' bills, amounting to $76.19, and the Grand Tyler, $4.00, and also notify the several District Deputies of their appointments.

Brother Jesse Gove appointed Deputy Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—May 10, 5808, expelled Zebediah Fitch, of Claremont, N. H.

No. 6, *Center Lodge.*—Expelled Abel Spencer, January 11, and Ephraim Blanchard, February 8, 5808, both of Rutland.

No. 11, *Olive Branch Lodge.*—Expelled June 15, 5808, Joseph Astell, of Grafton.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—Expelled June 23, 5808, Joseph Perry, of Pomfret.

No. 24, *Washington Lodge.*—Expelled Joseph Farrar, May 5, 5808, and Matthew Gray, August 3d, 5808; all for gross, immoral, unmasonic conduct.

Grand Lodge closed in due form.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

1809.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, in the County of Windsor, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 9th day of October, A. L. 5809, agreeably to an ordinance thereof.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
R. W. JONATHAN NYE,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. JOHN WOODWARD,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. SAMUEL AUSTIN,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Grand Treasurer.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
RUFUS ROOT,	Grand Steward.
JESSE LULL,	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
ASA STRONG,	Grand Pursuivant.
LEMUEL SAVAGE,	Grand Tyler.

After a pertinent address to the Throne of Grace by the R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The several Lodges hereafter mentioned were represented by their respective officers, or proxies, presented their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Joseph Winslow, M.; Joel Lull, S. W.; and Gregory Stone, J. W. Dues paid, $10.

No. 2, *North Star Lodge.*—Joshua French, M.; Anson J. Sperry, J. W. and by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 3, *Dorchester Lodge.*—Asa Strong, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Joseph Woodward, M., S. and J. W. all by proxy. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—Nichols Goddard, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—M., S. and J. W., all by proxy, no returns, or dues paid.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Ephraim Little, M., S. and J. W. all by proxy. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—James Underwood, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid for 5808, $14.00, for 5809, $13.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Roswell Aylsworth, J. W. and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Not represented. Received returns. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Walter Stone, J. W. and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid for 5808, $4.00, for 5809, $1 00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Christopher Huntington, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Martin Field, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Aaron Shepherd, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid for 5808, $2.00, for 5809, $6.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Richard Carrique, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Elisha Parkill, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Rich, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Rufus Fisk, S. W., and by proxy M.; Ebenezer Child, J. W., by proxy. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Willis Hall, M.; Gaius Perkins, S. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Samuel Austin, M., and S. W., by proxy. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Extinct.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Alanson Eldridge, M., and S. W., by proxy. Dues paid $2.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—William Miller, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Stephen Cleveland, M.; Simon Bingham, S. W.; James Huntington, J. W. Dues paid for 5808, $9.00, and for 5809, $9.00.

Whole amount of dues received being $145.00, paid Grand Treasurer.

Communications from several Grand Lodges in the United States were read, and on motion of Mr. Nye, were committed to a committee consisting of Bros. Jonathan Nye, S. Cleveland, and J. Winslow.

The District Deputy Grand Masters were called upon to report the situation of the Lodges in their respective Districts, and the following Deputies reported, to wit:

District No. 1, John Woodward: 3, Luther E. Hall; 4, Nichols Goddard; 9, Samuel Austin; 10, Thomas Tolman, reports on file. On motion of Bro. Jonathan Nye,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the report of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, and to devise ways and means to introduce an uniform mode of work into the several Lodges throughout this State, and to inculcate and enforce more particular regard to the moral precepts of the Masonic Institution, and report to this Grand Lodge as soon as possible.

Rev. Jonathan Nye, N. Goddard, J. Woodward, S. Rich, and S. Austin, were appointed a committee for the above purpose.

Grand Lodge proceeded to choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following Brothers were elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively to wit:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. John Woodward,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Samuel Austin,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. E. D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary.
Joseph Winslow,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Asa Strong,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Appointed by the M. W. Grand Master; W. Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; Benjamin Lord, Grand Marshal; Ozias Fuller, Grand Sword Bearer; William Storer and Rufus Root, Grand Stewards; Gordon Newell, Grand Pursuivant; William Alvord and Lemuel Savage, Grand Tylers.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, viz:

District No. 1, Simon Bingham; 2, William S. Cardall; 3, Luther E. Hall; 4, Nichols Goddard; 5, David Russell; 6, Erastus Watrons; 7, Jonathan Nye; 8, Martin Field; 9, Samuel Austin; 10, Thomas Tolman.

Appointed Bros. Joel Lull and Gregory Stone, a committee to make arrangements for a public procession to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Windsor, Tuesday, October 10, A. L. 5809.

The Grand Lodge convened according to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Bro. Oliver Abel, produced credentials of his appointment to represent a body of Masons in Bennington, working under a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master, and praying this Lodge to grant them a charter, constituting then a regular Lodge, by the name of Tabernacle Lodge No. 29.

Bro. Jonathan Nye, who was appointed at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, a committee to call on Temple Lodge, No. 4, and demand in the name of the Grand Lodge, their Charter, Jewels, funds and furniture, made report that he had called on said Lodge, agreeably to his appointment;

that he had received their Charter; that he was informed that their jewels and furniture were in possession of a Mark Lodge in that place, and that their funds were in such a situation that they could not at present command them.

On motion,

Voted, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners from Bennington, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a charter, for which thirty dollars was paid by Bro. O. Abel into the grand treasury.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Nye, made the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Nye, beg leave to report, that we have taken into consideration the situation of the several Lodges in this State, and from our own knowledge, and from the reports of the several District Deputies, we are induced to offer the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That there shall be a Grand Visitor, appointed by ballot in the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Lodges throughout this State, to teach them Masonic Lectures to inculcate and enforce a particular regard to the moral precepts of the institution, and to recommend that harmony and love which is the glory of this institution. That said visitor shall be authorized and empowered to preside in all Lodges he may visit, call on all the members of the several Lodges, to give regular and punctual attendance on their respective communications, and use his utmost exertion to render the Masonic Family in this State an united band of brothers.

Your committee would further recommend that the said visitor enter on the duties of his office on the 1st day of December next, that he tarry with each Lodge at least two days, and longer if necessary, and impress on the minds of the members the value and importance of the institution, and continue his visits regularly throughout the State, agreeably to his own appointments, of which he shall give the several Lodges he may so visit due notice; and that said visitor shall be paid for his services the sum of two dollars per day, and all necessary expenses from the several Lodges he may visit.

All of which is humbly submitted.

JONATHAN NYE,
For Committee.

Read and adopted.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor, and formed procession under the direction of Bro. Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*, and proceeded to the meeting-house, where a sublime and pious discourse, well-adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, after which the procession returned to the Hall, and the Lodge resumed its labors.

On motion,

Resolved, That as the person who may be appointed to the office and uty of Grand Visitor will necessarily be obliged to spend considerable time, hich will not come regularly within the time occupied in the actual visita-on of the Lodges, this Grand Lodge will give to such person as shall be ppointed and perform the duties to its acceptance, the sum of fifty dollars.

On motion, the ballots were taken for a Grand Visitor, by which rother Jonathan Nye was elected to that office.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to correspond with the several rand Lodges in the United States, and more particularly with the Grand odges of South Carolina and Ohio, from whom communications have recent-been received.

Bros. Geo. Robinson, Jonathan Nye and David Russell were appointed committee for that purpose.

On motion of Bro. Goddard, the M. W. John Chipman was appointed to turn the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Chaplain, for the excel-nt sermon delivered before them this day, and present him with the sum of enty dollars.

The committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, con-sting of Bros. George Robinson, Luther E. Hall, and John Chipman, to ttle the account of Josias Smith, late Grand Secretary, Seth Storrs, late rand Treasurer, and E. D. Woodbridge, Grand Secretary, were called upon report, but they not having been able to complete their business, they were y vote continued a committee for that purpose and directed to report at the ext session of this Grand Lodge.

Brother E. D. Woodbridge was appointed to settle the accounts between e M. W. John Chipman, and the Grand Lodge, and report at the next ssion of the Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Secretary procure a suitable number of copies of e proceedings of this Grand Lodge to be printed, and transmit them as on as may be to the several secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this rand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay any orders drawn by the Grand laster for the expenses of this communication.

The business of the session being closed, a pertinent address was made the Throne of Grace, by the Grand Chaplain, and the Lodge closed in mple form.

Attest,

NICHOLS GODDARD,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as furnished by Brother N. Goddard, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

Expulsions—as returned to the Grand Lodge, October 9, A. L. 5809.

No. 19, *Cement Lodge.*—Expelled March 29, A. L. 5809, Elijah Remington, of Castleton.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—Expelled November 4, 5808, Thos. Gross, late of Hartford, and September 21, 5809, David Thompson, late of Woodstock.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

1810.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Rutland, in the County of Rutland, on the Monday preceding the 2d Thursday, being the 8th day of October, Anno Lucis, 5810, agreeably to the ordinance thereof, and after a pertinent address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain, opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. John Woodward,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Nichols Goddard,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Samuel Austin,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. E. D. Woodbridge,	Grand Secretary.
W. Jesse Gove,	Deputy Grand Secretary.
W. Rev. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Chaplain.
Joseph Winslow,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Asa Strong,	Grand Junior Deacon.
William Storer,	Grand Steward.
Benjamin Lord,	Grand Marshal.
Ozias Fuller,	Grand Standard Bearer.
Gordon Newell,	Grand Pursuivant.
William Alvord,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

David Edward, P. M.; John Strong, P. M.; Amos Marsh, P. M.; Ezekiel Porter, P. M.; Samuel Hitchcock, P. M.; Jonathan Wells, P. M.

The several Lodges hereafter mentioned were represented by their respective officers, or proxies, presented their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:—

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Joseph Winslow, M.; Joel Lull, S. W.; and Abishai Hoisington, J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Joshua French, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Smith Booth, M., S. and J. W. all by proxy. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells, S. W. and by proxy M.; Joseph Woodward, by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—William Storer, M.; James Porter, S. W.; and Preserved Fish, J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Nathaniel Hamlin, M.; Reuben Fisk, S. W. by proxy; Benjamin Fitch, J. W. Dues paid for 5809, $15.00, 5810, $15.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Charles Bulkeley, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Shubael Babcock, M. and by proxy J. W.; Russell Aylsworth, S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Jason Duncan, M. and J. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Elisha Ellis, Jr., M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jairus Hall, M., S. and J. W. all by proxy. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—John N. Bennet, M. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Artemas Robbins, M.; Elisha Parkill, S. W. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Shelden Wheeler, M. and S. and J. W. all by proxy. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Seth Keeler, S. W.; Ebenezer Child, J. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Willis Hall, Jr., M. and by proxy J. W.; James Walker, S. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Ezra Bliss, S. W. and by proxy M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Extinct.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Ezra Clark, M.; Preston Southworth, J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 27, *Morning Sun.*—William Miller, S. W. and by proxy J. W.; Harris Hosford, by proxy M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Simon Bingham, J. W. and by proxy M. Dues paid, $2.00

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Not represented.

Whole amount of dues received, paid Grand Treasurer.

The petition of Bros. Perez Brown and others, praying for a charter for a lodge in Danby, by the name of Farmers' Lodge, was read, and on motion Brothers George Robinson, Benjamin Lord and Edward Eells were appointed

a committee to report as soon as may be the propriety of granting the prayer of the said petition.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following Brethren were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
R. W. ISAAC TICHENOR,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. JAIRUS HALL,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Grand Treasurer.
W. E. D. WOODBRIDGE,	Grand Secretary.
MOSES STRONG,	Grand Senior Deacon.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

RUTLAND, Tuesday, Oct. 9th, A. L. 5810.

Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment and called to labor.

Brothers Moses Strong, Nichols Goddard, and Joseph Winslow were appointed to settle with the Grand Treasurer and report as soon as may be.

Voted, That Brothers Luther E. Hall, Edward Eells and Asa Strong be a committee to settle the accounts of the M. W. Grand Master, the former Secretary and Treasurer and the present Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and report at the the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Franklin Lodge, No. 10, be summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge at the next stated Communication thereof, and show cause, if any they have, why their charter should not be taken from them, for their repeated neglect to attend the directions of this Grand Lodge.

Whereas, Lively Stone Lodge, No. 22, has neglected for the two last communications to send a representative to this Grand Lodge, make due returns and pay their dues; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Lodge be struck off the Grand Lodge Books, and their charter become forfeited, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to said Lodge a copy of this resolution, and require the last Secretary and Treasurer thereof, within twelve months, to surrender to him all the books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture thereof, agreeably to the bye-laws of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That there be a committee appointed of one from each Masonic District for the purpose of ascertaining if any and what alterations ought to be made in the bye-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and report as soon as may be; whereupon Joseph Winslow, Shubael Babcock, E. D. Woodbridge, Nichols Goddard, George Robinson, Charles Bulkeley, Jonathan Nye, Jairus Hall and Samuel Austin were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The committee on the petition for a Lodge at Danby made report

That in our opinion it is expedient that said petition be referred to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

GEORGE ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

Read and accepted. Deferred accordingly.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master:

W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; Benjamin Lord, Grand Standard Bearer; John Woodward, Grand Marshal; Rufus Root and Smith Booth, Grand Stewards; Gordon Newell, Grand Pursuivant; Thomas Hewlett and Alanson Ferris, Grand Tylers.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master and appointed by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

District No. 1, Joseph Winslow; 2, William S. Cardall; 3, Luther Hall; 4, Charles K. Williams; 5, David Russell; 6, Erastus Watrous; 7, Abner Morton; 8, Martin Field; 9, Samuel Austin; 10, Thomas Tolman.

Voted, That the mode of work as taught by Brother Jonathan Nye, Grand Visitor, be adopted by the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for their uniform mode of work.

Voted, That there be a Grand Visitor for the year ensuing, and that he be paid two dollars per day, and his expenses, by each lodge he may visit; whereupon the W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye was elected to that office.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW SITTING:

Your committee appointed to examine the bye-laws, &c., report:

1st. That the first article of the Bye-Laws be amended, so as to read in the words following: "The communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden on Monday preceding the second Thursday of October annually at 9 o'clock, A. M., at Windsor and Vergennes, alternately, for the term of four years."

2nd. That the last clause of the twelfth article be amended so as to read in the words following: "Any Brother suspended or expelled from the Grand Lodge shall, by virtue of such suspension or expulsion, be excluded all privileges of Masonry throughout its jurisdition, while under such sentence."

3d. That the 15th article of the present bye-laws be expunged.

4th. That the following article be added, to wit: "No brother shall be admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge, except he be a member, without special invitation of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Wardens."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
For Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee appointed to settle with the Grand Treasurer made report, which was read and accepted. Report on file.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer pay the Grand Stewards' and Grand 'yler's bills, after being allowed by the Grand Master.

The District Deputy Grand Masters being called upon made reports which 'ere favorable.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the committee appointed : the last communication of this Grand Lodge to correspond with that rand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to publish 200 copies of the ›nstitution, bye-laws, and proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the last and resent communications.

The Grand Visitor made report, which was read and ordered to lie on file.

Joseph Winslow was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in due form.

Attest,

E. D. WOODBRIDGE.
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS AS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE, OCTOBER 8, 5810.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—April 17th, 5810. Expelled Edward Willard, f Hartland.

No. 7. *Washington Lodge.* -May 2, 5810. Expelled Abraham Hollen-eck, of Richmond.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—July 16th, 5810. Expelled Samuel B. Spalding, f Barre, and Cyrus Ware, of Danville.

No. 18, *Morning Sun Lodge.*—March 1st, 5810. Expelled Smith Gulley, f Addison, and Joseph Colburn, of Crown Point.

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
Grand Secretary.

1811.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, in the County of Windsor, on the Monday preceding the 2nd Thursday, being the 7th day of October, Anno Lucis 5811, and, after prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect by the Grand Chaplain, opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
W. RICHARD CARRIQUE,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN WOODWARD,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. EDWARD EELLS,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH WINSLOW,	Deputy Grand Secretary.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Senior Deacon.
JAMES DUNCAN,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
THOMAS HEWLETT,	Grand Tyler.

The several Lodges hereafter mentioned were represented, presented their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Jabish Hunter, M.; Abishai Hoisington, S. W.; Sylvester Churchill, J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 2, *North Star*—Not represented.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Asa Strong, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—William Storer, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 7. *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Perez Brown, S. W.; and by proxy M.; Barton Brown, by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Charter forfeited.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—James Underwood, by proxy M. Dues paid for two years, $22.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—William Ward, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Nathaniel Chamberlain, M., and by proxy S. W.; James Duncan, J. W. Dues paid $6.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Nathaniel Hazeltine, M., and by proxy S. W. Dues paid for two years, $7.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Benjamin S. Edgerton, M., and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Martin Field, M., S. and J. W.; all by proxy. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Richard Carrique, M.; S. and J. W.; by proxy. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Rich, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Ebenezer Child, M.; S. and J. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Charter forfeited.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Barney Richmond, M.; George Lake, J. W., by proxy. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Ezra Bliss, M.; and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Simon Bingham, M.; proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Not represented.

On motion,

Voted, That the petition of a number of the Brethren preferred to this Grand Lodge at their last communication, for a new Lodge in Danby, to be known and distinguished by the name of Farmers' Lodge, No. 30, be granted, and the Secretary is hereby directed to make them out a charter.

A petitition for a new Lodge in Springfield, to be named St. John's Lodge, was read and referred to Bros. Jonathan Nye, Jairus Hall, and Richard Carrique.

The Deputy Grand Master being called upon, made report.

On motion,

Voted, That Bro. Jairus Hall have leave to withdraw a petition referred to this Grand Lodge at their last communication, for a new Lodge to be holden in Marlborough.

A petition from a number of Brethren, praying for a new Lodge in Newbury, to be named Coos Lodge, was read and referred to the committee for a new Lodge in Springfield.

A petition from Harmony Lodge, requesting the Grand Lodge to alter the place of holding the communications of said Lodge, from Danville to St. Johnsbury, for the time being, was read and referred to Brothers Field, Rich and Loomis.

A petition from Rising Sun Lodge, praying that the names of those persons who may in future be expelled from the secular Lodges, should not be published in the newspapers :—read and on motion dismissed.

Bro. Eleazar B. Wilkins appeared in Grand Lodge, and produced his credentials as proxy for M., S. and J. W. of Lively Stone Lodge, No. 22, and paid dues for three years, $21.00, whereupon Bro. Winslow introduced the following resolution in Grand Lodge, October 7, 1811 :

Resolved, That whereas the charter, jewels and funds of Lively Stone Lodge, were declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge, at their last communication ; and whereas, due information not having been given said Lodge of said order, and having sent a representative at this time, to this Grand Lodge and paid all dues, and shewn good reason why they have not been heretofore represented, and praying to be restored ; that they be restored to all the rights and privileges of a Lodge. Read and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Brethren were duly elected, to wit :

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Martin Field,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Edward Eells,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Jairus Hall,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Joseph Winslow,	Grand Secretary.
Asa Strong,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Ezra Bliss,	Grand Junior Deacon.

W. Richard Carrique was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, October 8th, A. L. 5811.

Grand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment and called to labor. Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master, viz. :—

The W. and Reverend Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain ; John Woodward, Grand Marshal ; Smith Booth, Grand Sword Bearer ; Elijah Hitchcock and Russell A. Barnum, Grand Stewards ; Orson Bartlett, Grand Pursuivant ; Alvord Hitchcock, Grand Tyler.

The following Brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master and chosen by the Grand Lodge District Deputy Grand Masters, to wit :

District No. 1, Joseph Winslow ; 2, Jonathan Barker ; 3, Edward Eells ; 4, Charles K. Williams ; 5, George Robinson ; 6, Jeduthan Loomis ; 7, Abner Morton ; 8, Nathaniel Chamberlain ; 9, Ezra Bliss ; 10, William Mattocks.

The committee to whom were referred sundry petitions for new Lodges, reported :

That in our opinion, the several petitions are reasonable and just, and that it would be for the real interest and prosperity of this Grand Lodge to grant them Charters. Your committee would recommend that the name of Coos, in the Newbury petition, be struck out, and that Charity be inserted.

Submitted,

JONATHAN NYE,
Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Harmony Lodge, reported:

That the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

MARTIN FIELD,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

Granted a letter of dispensation to the petitioners for a Lodge at Danby, in due form. Received of the petitioners for a Charter, $20.

Brother Nye introduced the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Franklin Lodge, No. 10, has not for two years last past been represented in this Grand Lodge, nor paid their dues agreeable to regulations of this Grand Lodge, and whereas, their Charter is forfeited;"

Resolved, That they be notified and directed to return their Charter, funds, furniture, and jewels, agreeably to the Ordinances of this Grand Lodge.

Read and adopted. Whereupon it was,

Ordered, That Franklin Lodge, No. 10, be required to deliver into the hands of Bro. Jonathan Nye their Charter, funds, and jewels, and be informed that they are forbidden to work any longer as a lodge, until further directions from this Grand Lodge.

Granted Letters of Dispensation, to St. John's Lodge, No. 31, to be holden at Springfield; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 32, to be holden at Newtane, and to Charity Lodge, No. 33, to be holden at Newbury.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor, and proceeded in grand procession, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, to the meeting-house, where a sublime, impressive discourse was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, after which the procession returned and resumed their labor.

A committee was appointed to settle with the musicians, and pay them for their services this day, who reported that he had paid for the music $16, whereupon it was ordered, that the same be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, whereas there appears to be a great remissness and want of attention in some Lodges, with regard to the principles, order and regulations of Masonry, and in some instances not attending to the character of those whom they receive, and on whom they confer the honors of Masonry, which must in the end prove very injurious to the respectability and honor of

the craft: a thing much to be deprecated by all those who are lovers of the institution of Masonry; and whereas, it is essentially necessary for the good interest and welfare of the institution, that a Grand Visitor be appointed to examine into the state of the several Lodges annually examining the records, mode of work, &c.

Resolved, That the Grand Visitor be empowered, if in his judgment it shall be deemed expedient for the good of Masonry, to suspend such lodge as shall have neglected to conform in all things to the principles and order of Masonry, from laboring as Masons, until the next following communication of the Grand Lodge, then to be submitted to their determination. And it is also requested that the Grand Visitor visit the different Lodges during the ensuing winter, or as soon as may be convenient; and that the said Visitor who may be appointed shall give each lodge due and timely notice, at least one communication previous to his visiting them, and that he be paid for his services by each Secular Lodge which he shall visit, a just and reasonable compensation.

Resolved, That all the officers of this Grand Lodge be provided with suitable sashes, the jewels provided with new ribbons, and such other jewels provided as this Grand Lodge is deficient of, and that the Grand Treasurer be appointed a committee for that purpose, to defray the expense accruing out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

The W. & Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Visitor, was called upon by the M. W. Grand Master to report.

The communication interesting and satisfactory; good order and regularity prevailing generally in the Lodges under this jurisdiction. Report on file.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary cause to be published in pamphlets, and distributed to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the proceedings thereof for the years 5808, 5809, 5810 and 5811, and that the Secretary provide for the Secular Lodges blank returns and certificates, and forward the same to the different Lodges within the term of three months.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Lodge pay Bro. John Woodworth twelve dollars.

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, that it may be considered the duty of the several Masters of the Secular Lodges under this jurisdiction, that whenever a member of any Lodge over which he may preside shall neglect to attend the Lodge of which he is a member for more than three successive regular communications, to summon such member to attend, and show cause, if any he have, why he should not be expelled, suspended or otherwise dealt with.

The W. Charles K. Williams was elected Grand Visitor.

R. W. M. Field, Deputy Grand Master, was appointed to wait on the Grand Chaplain, to return the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his elegant

and Masonic discourse this day delivered, and request of him a copy for the press.

Resolved, That if the Grand Chaplain shall deliver a copy of the discourse this day delivered, that three hundred copies shall be published, and distributed to the Secular Lodges, under the inspection of the Grand Secretary, and the expenses be paid out of the Treasury of this Lodge; and that the sum of twenty dollars be paid out of the treasury, as a present to the Grand Chaplain.

Voted, That the dinner this day provided for the members of the Grand Lodge, and all refreshments and necessary expenses of the communication, be paid from the funds of this Lodge, and that the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to pay the same.

The committee to settle with the M. W. Grand Master, the present and late Grand Secretary, and the late Grand Treasurer, reported that they had not effected a settlement, and were continued a committee for that purpose.

Resolved, That if Bro. Charles K. Williams refuse to accept the appointment of Visitor, the Grand Master appoint him whom he shall consider will attend to the business of the Grand Visitor.

Resolved, Bro. Jonathan Nye's account to Franklin Lodge, No. 10, be allowed, and that the Treasurer pay Bro. Nye twelve dollars, and the same be charged to the account of Franklin Lodge.

Received from the several Lodges their dues, as per representations,	$170 00
From Danby for Charter,	20 00
Paid the same to the M. W. Grand Master,	$190 00

The business of the communication being closed, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

Attest,

RICHARD CARRIQUE,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS AS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE, OCTOBER 7, A. L. 5811.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 3, Dorchester Lodge.—Artemas Sawyer, of Vergennes, Feb. 7th, 5811.

No. 13, Golden Rule.—Lewis Joy, April 6th, 5811.

No. Cement Lodge.—Timothy Pierce, of Benson, 19, December 5th, 1810.

No. 14, Harmony—Eliphalet Martin, of Peacham, Nov. 5th, 5809. Daniel Smith, of Danville; Curtis Field, of St. Johnsbury; and Hubbard Field, of Lyndon, July 11th, 5810.

No. 21, Washington.—Samuel Mott, of Brandon, January 7th, 5811.

No. 6, *Centre Lodge.*—Caleb Hendee, Jr., of Pittsford, May 18th, 5811.

No. 18, *Morning Sun Lodge.*—William Gurley, of Addison, Feb. 7th, 5811.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Watts Hubbard.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—John Green and Jehiel Dexter.

No. 11, *Olive Branch Lodge.*—John Dodge, G. Wheelock and Joseph D. Wheelock.

No. 14, *Harmony Lodge.*—John Johnson.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—John Palmer.*

No. 20, *Friendship Lodge.*—John Newell.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

A true copy.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

LIST OF THE SEVERAL LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

No. 1	Vermont Lodge,	Windsor.
2	North Star,	Manchester.
3	Dorchester	Vergennes.
4	Extinct	
5	Union	Middlebury.
6	Centre	Rutland.
7	Washington	Burlington.
8	Hiram	Pawlet.
9	Aurora	Montpelier.
10	Charter forfeited	
11	Olive Branch	Chester.
12	Newton	Arlington.
13	Golden Rule	Putney.
14	Harmony	St. Johnsbury.
15	Federal	Randolph.
16	Mount Moriah	Wardsborough.

*Vote of suspension rescinded, January 23d, 5812.

17.....Meridian Sun .....Greensborough.
18..... .....Morning Sun..... ....Bridport.
19.....Cement..... ..... Westhaven.
20..... .....Friendship..... ....Charlotte.
21.... .....Washington,.....Brandon.
22.....Lively Stone..... . .....Darby.
23..... .. ..Warren..... .....Woodstock.
24..... .....George Washington .... .Chelsea.
25 ....Extinct..... .....
26 ....Rainbow.....Middletown.
27..... Morning Star.... ....Poultney.
28.....Rising Sun.....Royalton.
29.....Tabernacle.....Bennington.
30... . ...Farmers', charter issued.. .....Danby.
31 ....St. John's, charter issued.....Springfield.
32.....Blazing Star, charter issued .....Newfane.
33 ....Charity, charter issued.....Newbury.

WINDSOR, March 7th, A. L. 5812.

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

1812.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont convened at Vergennes, in the County of Addison, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 5th day of October, A. L. 5812, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Martin Field,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Edward Eells,	Senior Grand Warden.
W. Luther E. Hall,	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Joseph Winslow,	Grand Secretary.
Asa Strong,	Senior Grand Deacon.
Ezra Bliss,	Junior Grand Deacon.
John Woodward,	Grand Marshal.
Smith Booth,	Grand Standard Bearer.
Elijah Hitchcock, Orson Bartlett,	Grand Stewards.
Alured Hitchcock,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

David Edmond, P. M.

The several Lodges hereafter mentioned were represented by their several officers, or their proxies, presented their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Joseph Winslow, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Not represented.

No. 3. *Dorchester.*—William Barrett, M.; Jesse Lyman, S. W.; Alured Hitchcock, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells. M.; Joshua Stockwell, S. W. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Not represented. Dues paid Grand Treasurer, $3.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M. and by proxy J. W.; James Dean, S. W.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Sylvanus Baldwin, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid for two years, $5.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Benjamin Chandler, M.; John Nason, by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Nathaniel Chamberlain, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Perley Fairbank, S. W. and by proxy M. and J W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Timothy Stanley, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benjamin Skiff, M.; John Smith, Jr., S. W.; Charles Y. Chase, J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Jesse Parkill, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Rich, M.; Sheldon Wheeler, by proxy S. W.; John Cobb, J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Seth Keeler, M.; Jonathan Shepherd, by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Ezra Bliss, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Jonas Clark, Jr., M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues for two years, paid, $15.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Noah Wells, S. W. by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Simon Bingham, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Not represented.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Nathan Miller, M. and by proxy S. W.; Henry Herrick, Jr., J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Martin Field, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Moses Johnson, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

Columbian (under dispensation).—Lemuel Whitney, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

On motion of Brother George Robinson,

Ordered, That Franklin Lodge, No. 10, be restored to regular standing and the privileges of Masonry.

Brothers George Robinson, L. E. Hall, and David Edmonds, appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Franklin Lodge.

A petition for a new Lodge at Brattleboro; one for a new Lodge in Norwich, and one for a new Lodge in Hydepark, were severally read, and referred to Bros. Edward Eells, Joseph Winslow and Ezra Bliss.

On motion,

Ordered, That, after the present communication, the Secretary and Treasurer receive none but current money for dues.

A petition from Mount Moriah Lodge, praying to have an error in their Charter rectified, by altering the number of said Lodge from 17 to 16, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following Brethren were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names, respectively, viz:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Martin Field,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Edward Eells,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Joseph Winslow,	Grand Secretary.
W. Russell A. Barnum,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
Asa Strong,	Grand Senior Deacon.
Ezra Bliss,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, October 6th, A. L. 5812.

The Grand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment, and called to labor. Present as yesterday.

The committee for new Lodges reported in favor of a new Lodge in Brattleboro, and a new Lodge at Norwich, and a dispensation to the Brethren of Hydepark and its vicinity, which was read and accepted.

A petition for a new Lodge in Enosburgh was read. whereupon it was ordered that a dispensation be granted the petitioners.

The Grand Lodge appointed Bros. Joseph Winslow and Josiah Dunham, a corresponding committee.

On motion of Bro. Stanley,

Ordered, That Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 17, have liberty to hold their communications in Hardwick, instead of Greensborough.

Several committees made report. On file.

W. Grand Treasurer made report. On file.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted, to wit:

In Grand Lodge, Oct. 6, 5812.

Resolved, That the following officers be paid from the funds, the sums

annexed to each, as a compensation for their services, in attending the Grand Lodge, commencing the present communication, viz.:

The M. W. Grand Master, 4 dollars per day; Secretary, 20 dollars a year; Treasurer, 15 dollars a year.

District Deputy Grand Masters called upon to make report, when Joseph Winslow, No. 1; Edward Eells, No. 2; Jeduthun Loomis, No. 3; Nathanie Chamberlin, No. 8; Ezra Bliss, No. 9, made report. On file.

At 11 o'clock, A. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor, and proceeded in grand procession, under the direction of the Grand Marshal to the Court House, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hewett, after which the procession returned, and resumed their labor.

On motion and leave, Bro. M. Field introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 6, 5812.

Resolved, That, a committee of one member be appointed, to wait on the Rev. Mr. Hewett, return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his excellent discourse this day delivered, and present him with thirteen dollars out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, which was read and adopted, and the M. W. John Chipman was appointed a committee for that purpose

The committee appointed to settle the accounts of Franklin Lodge, reported that there is due from Franklin Lodge to the Grand Lodge the sum of twelve dollars, which was read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge appointed Bro. David Edmonds a committee to settle the accounts of the Grand Secretary.

The Secretary, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, appointed Bro. Russell A. Barnum, Assistant Grand Secretary.

On motion and leave Bro. Edmonds introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 6, 5812.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the gratuitous distribution of the Bible, without note or comment, and that the Grand Master be hereby authorized and directed to draw an order for that sum on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of a Vermont Bible Society, hereafter to be organized.

Resolved, To promote the constitution of a Bible Society in this State, the foregoing resolution be published in the several newspapers published in this State.

Which was read and unaminously adopted.

The committee appointed to settle with Bro. Joseph Winslow, Grand Secretary, reported that there is due to him, previous to the present session of the Grand Lodge, for monies by him paid out, sixty-three dollars and ninety-five cents.

DAVID EDMONDS,
Committee.

Which was read and accepted.

OCTOBER 6, 5812.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, viz. :

District No. 1, Joseph Winslow ; 2, Jonathan Baker ; 3, Edward Eells ; 4. Charles K. Williams ; 5, George Robinson ; 6, Jeduthan Loomis ; 7, Abner Morton ; 8, Jason Duncan ; 9, Ezra Bliss ; 10, William Mattocks.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master, to wit :

The W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain ; Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal ; Josiah Dunham, Grand Sword Bearer ; Henry Stevens and Benj. Tuells, Grand Stewards ; Gaius Perkins, Grand Pursuivant ; Daniel L. Phelps, Grand Tyler.

The following resolution introduced by Bro. Eells was read and adopted.

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 6th, A. L. 5812.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed immediately to write to all the Secular Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that have neglected to make returns and pay their dues for two years past, that their charters are forfeited, and that their work in future be suspended until they comply with the ordinances of the Grand Lodge, by making their returns, and paying their dues.

The following resolution was adopted, to wit :

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Lodge, No. 29, has for three years past neglected to make returns, and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge, therefore,

Resolved, That said Tabernacle Lodge be forbidden to work any longer as a Lodge, and that the Secretary give them notice of this resolution by writing to them immediately.

Ordered, That the Secretary pay the Steward's bill, forty-seven dollars and sixty cents.

The W. Charles K. Williams was elected Grand Visitor.

Voted to allow Bro. Asa Strong in addition for his services four dollars.

Ordered, The Secretary to pay the Tyler's fees, four dollars.

Paid Theodore Newell per order,	$10 00
The M. W. Grand Master for Rev. Mr. Hewett,	13 00
L. E. Hall, per order,	12 00
Steward's Bill per order,	47 66
The M. W. John Chipman, amount due as reported by committee	59 69
Carried forward,	$142 35

Brought forward,		$142 35
For 3 days services the present session		12 00
Tyler's fees		4 00
Due the Secretary per report of committee		63 95
		$222 30
Rec. dues from secular Lodges as per representation	$148 00	
Of Blazing Star Lodge towards their Charter	10 00	
Of the petitioners for a new Lodge at Brattleboro	25 00	
Of the petitioners for a new Lodge at Norwich	25 00	
Of Farmers Lodge toward Charter	10 00	—218 00
		$4 30

After regulating the internal concerns of the Lodge, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

CITATION TO TABERNACLE AND NORTH STAR LODGES.

Agreeably to an order of the Grand Lodge a citation was sent to Tabernacle Lodge and an order forbidding them to work any longer as a Lodge dated Montpelier in the county of Washington, October, A. L. 5812, and a citation was also issued of the same date to North Star Lodge, ordering them to suspend their work in future until they make their returns and pay their dues agreeably to an ordinance of the Grand Lodge.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Watts Hubbard, of Windsor, and John Henry, late of Windsor, supposed to be in some part of Europe, probably in France.

No. 3, *Dorchester Lodge.*—Justus Bellamy, and John Greene, of Vergennes.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Robert Torrence, of Middlebury.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—Silas Burbank and Thomas Read, of Montpelier, and David Robbins, now of the State of Ohio.

EXPULSIONS COMMUNICATED BY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 9, *Philadelphia.*—John Hill.

No. 45, *Pittsburgh.*—John Fowler, John Simpson, Samuel Duncan, Philip Bier, Hugh Block.

No. 51, *Philadelphia.*—John N. D'Arcy,

No. 59, *Philadelphia.*—John Buckley, Samuel Steward, Hazlet Bazonet, James Moore, Robert Sprout, John Drury, William Moody, John Johnson.

No. 64, *Greensborough.*—Elihu Smith.

No. 67, *Philadelphia.*—George W. Hebron, Thomas W. Bell.

No. 71, *Philadelphia.*—William Mackey, Philip Bidaback, John Riley.

No. 72, *Philadelphia.*—Leonard Streepen, Samuel Rogers, James Kellum, Philip Painter. Jacob T. Painter, William T. Baker, Isaac T. Kip, Martin Rees, Charles Kisselman.

No. 91, *Philadelphia.*—Nathaniel P. Hood.

GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

No. 25, *Amicable Lodge.*—Benjamin Chastellier.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Olive Branch Lodge.—Jona Alger.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

No. 11, *Blazing Star Lodge.*—Peter Robinson.

No. 15, *Mount Vernon Lodge.*—Ebenezer Paine.

No. 16, *Olive Branch.*—Abraham Barnham.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

1813.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, n the County of Windsor, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 11th day of October, A. L. 5813, and after solemn prayer was offered up to the Supreme Grand Architect of Nature, by the W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN,	Grand Master.
R. W. MARTIN FIELD,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. EDWARD EELLS,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. NICHOLS GODDARD,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH WINSLOW,	Grand Secretary.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Senior Deacon.
JOHN SMITH, JR.,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. and REV. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.
JESSE LULL,	Grand Marshal.
JOSIAH DUNHAM,	Grand Standard Bearer.
HENRY STEVENS and BENJAMIN TUELLS,	Grand Stewards.
GAIUS PERKINS,	Grand Pursuivant.
DANIEL L. PHELPS	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Abishai Hoisington, P. M.; Jairus Hall, P. J. G. W.; James Underwood, P. M.; Willis Hall, P. M.

The several Lodges hereafter named were represented, made their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—William Donohue, S. W., and by proxy M.; Horace Smith, J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Suspended.

No. 3. *Dorchester.*—Asa Strong, by proxy, M. and S. W.; Edward Flint, by proxy, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 4, ———

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells, M., and by proxy, J. W.; Lavins Filmore, by proxy, S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—Nichols Goddard, by proxy, M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—James Dean, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Timothy Fisher, M.; Jonathan Robertson, by proxy, S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $22.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Simon Heald, S. W., and by proxy, M. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $8.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Elijah Buck, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Josiah Dunham, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—John Barney, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid for 2 years, $12.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, M.; John Smith, S. W.; Richard Kimball, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Pearley Fairbank, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—John Smith, Jr., M.; James Fletcher, S. W.; William Whitford, J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Thomas Christie, S. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 20. *Friendship.*—Daniel Patrick, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Nehemiah Wright, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid for 2 years, $18.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Gaius Perkins, M.; Henry Boyce, J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Jabez Josslyn, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Elisha Ashley, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—James Huntington, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Suspended.

No. 30, *Farmers.*—Azariah Hilyard, M., S. and J. W., all by proxy. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 31, *St. Johns.*—John Davis, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $35.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—William Barry, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—George E. Wales, M.; Lyman Lewis, S. W.; John Tracy, J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

Hyde Park, under dispensation.—Thomas Taylor, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

Ludlow, under dispensation.—Nathan P. Fletcher, by proxy M.; Jona. Going, Jr., S. W.; John Y. Sawyer, J. W. Dues not paid.

A petition for a new Lodge at Grafton was read, and reported to Bros. Eells, Goddard and Dunham.

A petition from the Lodge at Hydepark, working under dispensation, for a charter, was referred without reading to the committee raised on the petition for a new Lodge at Grafton.

A petition for a new Lodge at Wilmington was referred without reading to the last mentioned committee.

A petition for a new Lodge at Clarendon was read and referred to the same committee.

A petition for a new Lodge at Orwell was referred without reading to the same committee.

A petion from Cement Lodge, No. 19, was referred without reading to the same committee.

A petition from the Lodge at Ludlow, working under dispensation, praying for a charter, was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

Several communications from the M. W. Grand Lodges of Delaware, Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Tennessee, were taken up and referred to Brothers Jonathan Nye, Joseph Winslow, and Martin Field.

A committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each Masonic District, to enquire if any alterations were necessary in the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Brethren were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. W. John Chipman,	Grand Master.
R. W. Martin Field,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Edward Eells,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. George Robinson,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Joseph Winslow,	Grand Secretary.
Asa Strong,	Grand Senior Deacon.
John Smith,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till 6 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WINDSOR, Tuesday, October 12, A. L. 5813.

Six o'clock, A. M.—The Grand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment, and after solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, were called to labor.

The committee appointed to report on petitions for charters, dispensations, etc., for new Lodges, respectfully reported:

That the prayer of the petition for a new Lodge in Grafton ought to be granted, whenever the consent of two-thirds of the Lodges in that Masonic District be obtained.

That the prayer of the petition for a new Lodge in Wilmington ought to be granted whenever the application be presented in due form to the Grand Master.

That the consideration of the petition for the removal of Cement Lodge to Fairhaven be deferred to the next Grand Communication, and that the dispensation for working at Fairhaven for the present be continued.

That the consideration of the petition for a Lodge at Orwell be also deferred till the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

That the prayer of the petition for a new Lodge at Clarendon ought not to be granted.

That a charter ought to be granted for a Lodge in Hydepark.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD EELLS,
For Committee.

Which was read and accepted.

The following brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, and chosen by the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters, viz.:

District No. 1, Joseph Winslow; 2, Adin Hinde; 3, Edward Eells; 4, Charles K. Williams; 5, Samuel Rich; 6 and 10, Jeduthan Loomis; 7, Benjamin Chandler; 8, Jonathan Nye; 9, Jacob Davis.

The following resolution, on motion and leave, was introduced:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 12, A. L. 5813.

WHEREAS, North Star Lodge, No. 2, has neither made returns, paid their dues, nor been represented in this Grand Lodge, since the year 1810; and,

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Lodge, No. 29, has neither made returns, paid their dues, nor been represented in this Grand Lodge since the grant of their charter, in the year 1809, in violation of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge; and were at the last annual communication suspended and forbidden to work: therefore,

Resolved, That the M. W. John Chipman, Grand Master, be requested and empowered to demand and receive, in the name of the Grand Lodge, the books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture of said North Star and Tabernacle Lodges.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor, formed procession under the direction of Bro. Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the Meeting-house, where a sublime and well-adapted discourse was delivered by the R. W. and Rev. Jona. Nye, Grand Chaplain, after which the procession returned to the Hall, and the Grand Lodge resumed its labor.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the bye-laws, and the place of holding the future meetings of the Grand Lodge, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That after the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge the place of holding the annual communications shall be at the place of the sitting of the Legislature, and on the Tuesday preceding the annual election.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The committee to whom were referred communications from several Grand Lodges in the United States made report :

That the communications were important, tending to the good of Masonry, and cheerfully received; that they remain on file in the Secretary's office, and that the Grand Secretary communicate an extract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge to the several Grand Lodges in the United States. Which was read and accepted.

The W. Grand Treasurer made report, which was read and accepted. On file.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. John Chipman be a committee to return the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, for his excellent sermon, this day delivered, request a copy for the press, and present him with the sum of twenty dollars from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master, viz. :

The W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain ; Jesse Lyman, Grand Marshal; Smith Booth, Grand Standard Bearer; John McVine and Elijah Hitchcock, Grand Stewards; Edward Flint, Grand Pursuivant; Alured Hitchcock, Grand Tyler.

Repealed the law to appoint a Grand Visitor.

Ordered, That the fees of the Grand Secretary for charters made on parchment for Secular Lodges be ten dollars each.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed 500 blank returns, 1200 blank certificates, 100 copies of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and 100 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the last and present communication.

Rec. cash of Secular Lodges, as per returns	$223 00	
Of Bro. Thos. Taylor for Mount Vernon Lodge.	25 00	—248 00
Paid Bro. Asa Strong by vote of Grand Lodge, 1812	$ 4 00	
Steward's Bill per order	94 08	
W. M. John Chipman, Esq., for his services 6 days	24 00	
W. M. John Chipman, Esq., for ribbons for Jewels	2 80	
W. M. John Chipman, Esq., for Postage	75	
W. M. John Chipman, Esq., per Rect. for Grand Treasurer	55 43	
Tyler's fees	4 00	—185 06
		$62 94

The necessary business of the Grand Lodge being finished, after solemn and fervent prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS, AS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Salmon Clark, of Vergennes.

No. 5, *Union.*—Daniel Hines, Middlebury ; Asahel Rising, absconded.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Silas S. Meacham, Pawlet.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Moses Marsh, Jr.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Zerah Smalley, Randolph.

No. 18. *Morning Sun.*—John Barber, Addison; John C. Thrall, Shoreham.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Nathan McKinstry, Newbury.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Levi Willard, of Hartland.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Erastus Goodrich, Vergennes.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—John H. Burton, Elias Fasset, Asahel Langworthy, of St. Albans.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Israel P. Dana, Danville.

No. 31, *St. Johns.*—William Read, Springfield, one year.

REJECTIONS.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Amasa Manly, Putney.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—John M. Orvis.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Horace Wells.

Hydepark.—David P. Noyes, under dispensation.

EXPULSIONS AND REJECTIONS, COMMUNICATED BY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.—GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA.

James L. Cromock, of Colrain, reported to be an imposter, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

No. 13.—Jacob D. Deidreck, James Anderson.

No. 21.—Philip Hoff.

No. 48.—Samuel Keller, William Love.

No. 52.—Edwin Frost.

No. 55.—Henry Stephen, David McCroy, John Early.

No. 67.—Carr W. Lane, Samuel H. Baker.

No. 87.—Nelson Campbell.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 9.—John Johnson, William Ashton, Philadelphia.

No. 43.—Charles C. Cole, John J. Maynel, Lancaster.

No. 45.—James Peder, John Hucy, Pittsburgh.

No. 52.—Alexander Reed, John Towne, Savage Stillwell, Christopher Gother, Philadelphia,

No. 59.—James McElkenny, Philadelphia.

No. 62.—John Spiken, Jacob Keely, Ludivig Worman, Joseph Lang, Daniel Weiser, Robert A. Farmer, Jacob Kelchner, Henry Boyer, Reading.

No. 64.—Samuel Rose, Jr., Thomas Johnson, Moses Cunningham, Greensborough.

No. 67.—Atkinson Rose, Hugh Maxwell, John Block, Curtis McDermott, William Rickett, John A. Bohr, Henry Snyder, George D. Moore, Philadelphia.

No. 71.—John Murphy, William Callan, Samuel Callan, John Lamb, Charles Harman, Philadelphia.

No. 72.—Henry Dancle, Philadelphia.

No. 81.—Alexander McGlauchlin, William Streepen, Thomas Vassonet, William Johnson, Germantown.

No. 93.—P. D. Barron, New Orleans.

No. 100.—Thomas Pencoost, Cattawassa.

No. 108.—Amos Mix, Wyson and Orwell.

No. 114.—Samuel White, Philadelphia.

No. 127.—George Helmbold, Philadelphia.

No. 128.—James Terrier, Philadelphia.

NOTE.—Snyder and Moore, for being connected with a spurious Lodge in Philadelphia, said to be called, "The Free and Independent Masonic Benevolent Institution, No. 1, of the United States of America."

GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Mount Moriah Lodge.—George Hill.

REJECTIONS.—GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 3.—Andrew McConvell, Philadelphia.

No. 5.—Arthur A. Wells, John Bates, Cantwell's Bridge.

No. 19.—John Means, Philadelphia.

No. 45.—Nathaniel Correll, Samuel Kingston, Pittsburgh.

No. 50.—Joel May, William Thomas, John H. Davis, Westchester.

No. 52.—Herman Emmons, Philadelphia.

No. 59.—Andrew McConvell, Philadelphia.

No. 67.—Chew Cadwell, Philadelphia.

No. 72.—Jacob Sehoreh, Joseph H. Vandersleie, Philadelphia.

No. 81.—John Whitall, Germantown.

No. 91.—John E. Burroughs, Philadelphia.

No. 106.—Asher Hunt, Rowland Hall, Benjamin Pidcock, Robert Robinson, John Murphy, James Murray, Williamsport.

No. 108.—John Felton, Philadelphia.

No. 114.—William Ticket, Philadelphia.

No. 118.—Samuel Smith, Elizabethtown.

No. 119.—Urban Shepherd, Clifford, Wayne, Co.

No. 120.—David Lindsey, Uriah Spicer, Tioga.

No. 128.—George Smith, Adam E. Ernest, Whittick Moses Terray, Philadelphia.

GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND.

No. 1, *St. Johns.*—Sergeant Lyon, Sergeant Holland.

No. 3, *Washington.*—Allen Chase.

No. 8, *Mount Moriah Lodge.*—David Wilkinson, George Aldrich, Anthoyn Dexter.

No. 10, *Union.*—James Essex.

No. 13, *Morning Star.*—Eleal Ballow, Dexter Newell.

SUSPENSIONS.—GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA.

No. 3.—Benjamin Parke, Lemuel Smack.

No. 18.—James Willson.

No. 21.—Daniel Settler, Joseph B. Settler, John S. Williams, William Pepper.

No. 32.—Josiah Perdue, James Turner, John Ferguson, F. W. S. Turner.

No. 39.—Shatswood Garland, Charles Crawford, Thomas Leneston, Henry Callaway, Raleigh Chilton, William P. Clairbone, Samuel Wiatt, Charles Dixon, John R. Jennings.

No. 48.—Robert Delop.

No. 50.—Thomas Brady, George Fenno.

el Samuel has been expelled from a Lodge held in Norwich, Engross unmasonic conduct. The said Samuel has since emigrated to

Attest,

JOSEPH WINSLOW.
Grand Secretary.

1814.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Vergennes, in the County of Addison, on Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 10th day of October, A. L. 5814. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
W. EDWARD EELLS, ESQ.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. LEMUEL WHITNEY, ESQ.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. GEORGE ROBINSON, ESQ.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. JONATHAN NYE, ESQ.,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. RUSSELL A. BARNUM, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Secretary.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Senior Deacon.
JOHN SMITH, JR.,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN MCVINE, ELIJAH HITCHCOCK,	Grand Stewards.
EDMOND FLINT,	Grand Pursuivant.
ALURED HITCHCOCK,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Enoch D. Woodbridge, P. M.; William M. Seaton; Belden Seymore; ——— Trowbridge; David Edmond, P. M.; Luther E. Hall, P. M.; Seth Green; Jabez G. Fitch.

The several Lodges hereafter named were represented, made their returns, and paid their dues as follows, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—William Donague, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Samuel Strong, M.; Alured Hitchcock, S. W.; Rufus Ferris, J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—John Chipman, M.; Lavius Fillmore, S. W.; Justus Foot, J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Not represented.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M. and by proxy S. W.; Lemuel Page, J. W. Dues not paid, $2.00.

No 8, *Hiram.*—Jonathan Robinson, S. W. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Joseph King, M. by proxy. Dues paid for two years, $9.00.

No. 10. *Franklin.*—Elanah Stevens, J. W. and M. and J. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Elijah Buck, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Phinehas White, M. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, M. and by proxy S. W. No dues.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Joseph Wait, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Martin Fuller, by proxy M. Dues paid, $10.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—John Smith, Jr., M.; William Whitford, S. W.; Farmeny Hemmenway, J. W. by proxy. Dues paid, $14.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Elisha Parkell, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Rich M.; and by proxy J. W.; John Cobb, by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Seth Keeler, M. and by proxy J. W.; Joel Green, S. W. by proxy. Dues paid for two years, $13.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Not represented.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Elisha Hotchkiss by proxy S. W. Dues paid for two years, $32.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Chester McClure, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Lovell Hibbard, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Zacheus Hovey, M. Dues paid, $7.

No. 30, *Farmers.*—Not represented.

No. 31 *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Not represented.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—John Tracy, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues in part paid, $6.50.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Christopher Huntington, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $24.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Jonathan Going, Jr., S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.

Missisquoi Lodge, (under dispensation).—Solomon Williams, M. and by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $7.

M. W. John Chipman, appointed a committee to demand and receive, in the name of the Grand Lodge, the Charters of North Star Lodge, No. 2, and of Tabernacle Lodge, No. 29, reported that he had performed the duty assigned him, and received the Charter and utensils of North Star Lodge, No. 2, but did not receive the Charter and utensils of Tabernacle Lodge, No. 29, as they promised to come forward and pay their dues, and conduct agreeable to the ancient land-marks of the order.

The petition for a dispensation at Berkshire was read and referred to E. D. Woodbridge, Samuel Rich and Lemuel Whitney, as committee.

A petition for the removal of Federal Lodge from Randolph to Brookfield was read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition for a dispensation at Berkshire.

Communications from Foreign Grand Lodges were read and referred to Bros. Hall, Nye and Eells.

The subject of the revision of the by-laws and future sessions of the Grand Lodge, referred from the last session, was called up and referred to a committee consisting of a member from each Masonic District, viz.: Brothers Hubbard, Buck, Hall, Green, Rich, Fuller, Stevens, Nye and Hotchkiss.

The Treasurer made his annual report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following brethren were duly elected.

M. W. John Chipman, Esq.,	Grand Master.
R. W. Lemuel Whitney, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Phinehas White, Esq.,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Luther E. Hall, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. George Robinson, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Solomon Williams, Jr., Esq.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Elisha Hotchkiss, Esq.,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Vergennes, Tuesday, October 11, A. L. 5814.

The Grand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Attended to the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

A petition for the removal of Cement Lodge from Benson to Fairhaven, laid over at the last session, was called up and referred to the committee appointed on the Berkshire petition.

The following resolution was introduced, read and adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to this Grand Lodge, that there is difficulty subsisting among the brethren of Mount Moriah Lodge, and Social Lodge, respecting the division of furniture, funds and jewels, it is

Ordered, by this Grand Lodge, that the R. W. L. Whitney, Esq., D. G. M., the R. W. Phinehas White, Esq., S. G. W., and the R. W. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain, be a committee to use their endeavors to settle this difficulty and obtain an equitable distribution of said furniture, funds and jewels, and make report at the next annual meeting.

The committee appointed on the petition for the continuance of the dispensation to the brethren in Berkshire represented that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be so far granted that a Charter be issued to the petitioners, constituting them a Lodge in Berkshire, by the name of Missisquoi Lodge.

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
For Committee.

Which report was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for the removal of Federal Lodge from Randolph to Brookfield reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
For Committee.

Which report was accepted.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the report of a committee of the last session, respecting the alteration of the By-Laws, and the future sessions of the Grand Lodge, made report that in their opinion it would not be advisable to alter the time or place of their sessions, but that Windsor, in the County of Windsor, be the place on the east side of the mountain, and that Vergennes, in the County of Addsson, be the place on the west side of the mountain, for the future sessions of the Grand Lodge; that the next annual communication be holden at Windsor.

They also recommend that the law of the Grand Lodge, respecting there being no appeals from secular Lodges, be repealed; also, that the Grand Secretary have liberty to appoint one or more deputies.

J. NYE,
For Committee.

Which was accepted.

The following brethren were nominated by the M. W. G. Master, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters, viz.:

District No. 1, Jonathan Going, Jr.; 2, Elijah Buck; 3, John Chipman; 4, Benjamin Lord; 5, George Robinson; 6, and 10, Jeduthan Loomis, 7, Solomon Williams, Jr.; 8, Jonathan Nye; 9, Jacob Davis.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master, to wit:

R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, Grand Chaplain; Jesse Lull, Grand Marshal; Rufus Root, Grand Standard Bearer; Benjamin Tuells, Henry

Stevens, Grand Stewards; Asa Strong, Grand Pursuivant; Daniel Phelps, Grand Tyler.

A petition for a new lodge at Orwell, laid over at the last session, was called up and referred to the committee on the petition from Berkshire.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor, and formed procession under the direction of Bro. Foot, Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the place of divine worship, where a sermon adapted to the occasion was delivered by the R. W. and Revd. Jonathan Nye, G. Chaplain, after which the procession returned to the Hall and resumed its labor.

The report of the committee on the petition laid over at the last session for the removal of Cement Lodge, was read as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now sitting:

Your committee to whom was referred this petition beg leave to report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be so far granted, that Cement Lodge, No. 19, have leave hereafter to hold their communications in Fairhaven instead of Benson; and that upon said Lodge's giving up to the Grand Secretary their old Charter, he be authorized to made them new one, holding their present rank, they paying his fees. Which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. WOODBRIDGE,
For Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a new lodge at Orwell, reported that the petition be referred to the next session.

Which report was accepted.

Bro. Woodbridge introduced the following resolution:

In Grand Lodge, Oct. 11, 1814.

Resolved, That the thanks of this lodge be presented to the R. W. G. Chaplain, for his most excellent sermon, delivered this day before the Grand Lodge, and that a committee of one be appointed to present him with the sum of twenty dollars, and request of him a copy for the press.

Read and adopted, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed said Committee.

Bro. J. Chipman presented an account of $32, for going to Manchester and Bennington, agreeable to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, to receive the Charters of North Star and Tabernacle Lodges, which was allowed.

Bro. Nye's account of three dollars for procuring a trunk, for the papers of the Grand Lodge, allowed.

Resolved, That the vote passed in 1812, allowing the Grand Master four dollars per day while attending the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Treasurer fifteen dollars per year, be repealed. Adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, at the opening of each session of the Grand Lodge, to be denominated the Committee of Charity, to whom all petitions for charitable assistance shall be referred; which resolution

passed. Committee appointed, viz.: Bros. Jona. Going, Jr., Solomon Williams, Jr., Samuel Strong, Jonathan Nye, and Edward Eells.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure 300 copies of the Grand Chaplain's sermon this day delivered to be printed and distributed among the several Lodges, one to each of the officers of the Grand Lodge and one to each of the Grand Lodges, throughout the United States.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to deposit such papers as he may think proper in the hands of the Master of Dorchester Lodge, No. 3.

Josiah Dunham, Esq., and Jonathan Robinson, Jr., were nominated by the Grand Secretary, and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, Assistant Secretaries.

Bro. Painter's bill, $51, allowed and paid by the Grand Secretary (for public dinner). Grand Steward's bill, $33.34; Grand Tyler's bill, $4.00; Music bill, $33.00.

All allowed and paid by the Grand Secretary.

The necessary business of the Grand Lodge being finished, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JONATHAN NYE,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS, AS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 21, *Washington Lodge.*—Joshua Young.

No. 37, *Green Mountain Lodge.*—Asa Stratton, Oliver Gamsey.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—Richard Holden, Isaac Freeman, Aaron Rood, Chas. W. Houghton.

No. 10, *Franklin Lodge.*—John H. Burton, Asahel Langworthy.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah Lodge.*—David Warren, Amasa Haywood.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Leonard Brown, Warum Holbrook.

REJECTIONS.

No. 34, *Cumberland Lodge.*—Arad Chandler.

No. 12, *Newton Lodge.*—John Bragg.

Attest,

JONATHAN NYE,
Grand Secretary.

1815.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, in the County of Windsor, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 9th day of October, A. L. 5815. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JOHN CHIPMAN, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
R. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JABEZ HUNTER,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. and REV. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Secretary.
W. JOSIAH DUNHAM, W. JONATHAN ROBINSON, JR.,	Assistant Secretaries.
W. JOHN NASON,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. ELISHA PARKELL,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. and REV. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Chaplain.
HENRY STEVENS, BENJAMIN TUELLS,	Grand Stewards.
ALLURED HITCHCOCK,	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
DANIEL PHELPS,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James Farnsworth, Past Master; Return B. Brown, Past Grand Secretary.

Received the returns from the several Lodges, by which it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected delegates, and entitled to seats as members of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Jabez Hunter, M.; William Donague, S. W.; Silas Brown, J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Allured Hitchcock, by proxy M. and J. W.; Nathaniel Peckham, by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Orrin Stowell, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—Theophilus Capen, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Cemuel Farwell, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—John Nason, by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Artemas Robbins, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $4.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Elijah Buck, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Phineas White, by proxy M. S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—David Pickering, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $22.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jonathan Robinson, Jr., M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benjamin Skiff, by proxy M. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Elisha Parkell, M. No returns.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—William Hurlburt, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Jacob Chase, J. W., and by proxy M. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Gaius Perkins, M., and by proxy S. W.; Over Leonard, J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 25. —Extinct.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Noah Wells, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $3.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Lovell Hibbard, M., and by proxy S. W.; William Peirce, J. W. No dues.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Peleg Hall, S. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 30, *Farmers.*—David Young, S. W., and by proxy M.; Miner Hilyard, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 31, *St. Johns.*—Bezeliel Wood, J. W., and by proxy M. Dues paid, $25.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Charles Hale, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $29.00.

No. 34, Columbian.—Lemuel Whitney, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 35, United Brethren.—George E. Wales, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 36, Mount Vernon.—Jacob P. Hadley, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 37, Green Mountain.—Jonathan Going, Jr., M.; Sewell Fullum, S. W.; Isaac Reed, Jr., J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 38, Missisquoi.—Harry Clark, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 39, Social.—Jesse Swift, S. W. and by proxy M. Dues paid, $6.00.

Independance, (under dispensation).—Wait Branch, S. W. Dues paid, $23.00.

St. John's, (under dispensation).—J. P. Bartholomew, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

A petition from United Brethren Lodge, praying for a removal of said Lodge from Norwich to Hartford, was read and referred to Bros. L. Whitney, P. White, and J. Nason.

A petition for a new Lodge in Reading was read and referred to the committee on the petition for a removal of United Brethren Lodge.

A petition from a number of brethren of Fairfax, praying for a revival of Lamoille Lodge, was read and referred to Brothers, L. Whitney, P. White, aud A. Robbins.

A petition for a new Lodge in Rupert was read and referred to the committee on the Norwich petition.

A petition from the Lodge at Thetford, working under dispensation, praying for a charter, was read and referred to the same committee.

A petition from the Lodge at Orwell, under dispensation, praying for a charter, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

On motion of Bro. Nye,

Voted, To appoint a committee of charity, agreeable to a standing regulation of the Grand Lodge, which committee consisted of brothers L. Whitney, J. Hunter, J. Dunham, J. Going, Jr., and G. E. Wales.

Communications from Foreign Grand Lodges were read and referred to Bros. P. White, G. E. Wales and S. Bowen.

The District Deputy Grand Masters were called upon to make their annual reports.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following brethren were duly elected;

M. W. and Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE ROBINSON, ESQ.,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. LUTHER E. HALL,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. and HON. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Treasurer.
W. JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE E. WALES,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. JOHN NASON,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

WINDSOR, Tuesday, October 10, A. L. 5815.

The Grand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment, and called to labor. Present as yesterday. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of United Brethren Lodge, No. 35, for a removal of said Lodge from Norwich to Hartford, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for the revival of Lamoille Lodge, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted by the restoration of their charter, and further that they have liberty of holding their future communications at Fairfax, instead of Cambridge, as given them by their charter.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a new Lodge at Thetford reported in favor of the petitioners; which report was accepted and a charter directed to be issued accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a new Lodge at Reading reported in favor of the petitioners; which report was accepted, and a charter directed to be issued accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a new Lodge at Rupert reported that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, after the petitioners shall procure a certificate of approbation from Tabernacle Lodge, and the Secretary not to issue a charter until the same is procured; which report was accepted.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the communications from Foreign Grand Lodges reported that they contained the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, and that the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in return be communicated to them; which was accepted.

At 11 o'clock. A. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor, and proceeded in grand procession, under the direction of Bro. James Farnsworth, Grand Marshall, to the meeting house, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, late Grand Chaplain, after which the procession returned to the Hall, and the Lodge resumed its labor.

Brother Whitney introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, 5815.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our late Grand Chaplain, for his excellent discourse delivered this day, and that the Secretary be directed to present him with the sum of twenty dollars, and request a copy thereof for the press.

Brother Nathan P. Fletcher introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge repay to the Green Mountain Lodge five dollars which have been received as the fees due the Grand Lodge for the initiation of five clergymen.

Resolution rejected.

Resolved, That the present Grand Master be requested, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, to return to our late Grand Master their thanks for his long and faithful services; upon which the following communication was received:

Gentlemen and Brethren of the Grand Lodge: I return you my sincere thanks for the polite manner in which you have treated my past services, and I assure you, gentlemen, that it will be a consolation in my last moments that I have merited your approbation.

I am, gentlemen, your very obedient servant and brother,

JOHN CHIPMAN.

Brother Going introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That from the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the seventh Masonic District, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that Franklin Lodge, No. 10, is censurable for their irregular and unmasonic conduct, and that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to convey the above information to them, and give them such admonitions and cautions as he shall think proper; which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. Chipman,

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to procure suitable clothing for the officers of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Whitney,

Voted, To appoint a committee to settle with the late Treasurer. Bros. L. E. Hall, J. Farnsworth and E. D. Woodbridge were appointed.

On motion of Brother Capen,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed and distributed to the Secular Lodges copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, with a list of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, the times and places

of their several communications, and also cause to be printed a discretionary number of blank returns of the secular Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and blank proxies, with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this and the last communications, and that the expenses of the same be paid from the funds of this Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Secretary with the consent of the Grand Lodge, appointed Brother Russell A. Barnum, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Received of Bro. Wait Branch, thirty-five dollars, for a charter of Independence Lodge, in Orwell.

The following brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master and appointed by the Grand Lodge Deputy Grand Masters, viz:

District No. 1, Artemas Robbins; 2, Elijah Buck; 3, John Chipman; 4, Elisha Parkell; 5, George Robinson; 6, Samuel Goss; 7, Solomon Williams, Jr.; 8, Lemuel Whitney; 9, Jacob Davis; 10, Asa S. Shaw.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master, to wit:

R. W. and Rev. Jonathan Going, G. Chaplain; Josiah Dunham, G. Marshal; James Farnsworth, G. S. Bearer; Elijah Hitchcock, Nathaniel Peckham, G. Stewards; Asa Strong, G. Pursuivant; Seth Geere, G. Tyler.

The whole amount of monies received at this communication for dues from secular Lodges and one charter,	$359 50
The whole expenses of this communication allowed and paid by the Grand Master,	165 50
	$194 00

Leaving a balance of one hundred and ninety-four dollars in the hands of the Grand Master.

After regulating the internal concerns of the Lodge, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JONATHAN ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND REJECTIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 1, *Vermont Lodge.*—Woodbury Massy, of Reading, August 15, 1815.

No. 3, *Dorchester Lodge.*—Erastus Goodrich, of Vergennes.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Lyman Clark, late of Crown Point, N. Y.

No. 20, *Friendship Lodge.*—Moses Spencer.

No. 22, *Lively Stone Lodge.*—Benjamin Kilburn and Joab Bordwell, of Stanstead, L. C.

No. 28, *Rising Sun Lodge.*—Lyman Fay, formerly of Royalton.

No. 35, *United Brethren Lodge.*—John Thurston.

No. 37, *Green Mountain Lodge.*—Joseph D. Wheelock, January 1[illegible], 1815, and restored and suspended for two years, March 28, 1815.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 20, *Friendship Lodge.*—Jonathan Green.

No. 37, *Green Mountain Lodge.*—James Parker, for six months.

REJECTIONS.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah Lodge,*—James Waterman, Levi Crosby, Richard [illegible] Smith.

No. 22, *Lively Stone Lodge.*—John Merritt, Umphrey Nichols and Justus Smith.

No. 34, *Columbian Lodge.*—Isaac Crosby.

Missisquoi Lodge.—Jonah Thomas and Wm. Dwier.

RESTORATIONS.

Samuel Clark, late of Middlebury, having been for a long time suspended [illegible] restored August 7, 1815.

Attest,

JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC LODGES IN VERMONT.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont held their annu[illegible]al meeting at Windsor, on Monday, the 9th day of October, A. L. 5815. T[illegible]e following brethren were elected Officers for the year ensuing:

M. W. and Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEO. ROBINSON, Esq.,	Grand Deputy Master.
W. LEMUEL WHITNEY, Esq.,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. LUTHER E. HALL, Esq.,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. PHINEAS WHITE, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
W. JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE E. WALES, Esq.,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. JOHN NASON, Esq.,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. and Rev. JONATHAN GOING, Jr.,	Grand Chaplain.
W. JOSIAH DUNHAM, Esq.,	Grand Marshal.
W. JAMES FARNSWORTH,	Grand Sword Bearer.
ELIJAH HITCHCOCK, NATHANIEL PECKHAM,	Grand Stewards.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Pursuivant.
SETH GEERE,	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1. Artemas Robbins; 2. Elijah Buck; 3. John Chipman; Elisha Parkell; 5. George Robinson; 6. Samuel Goss; 7. Solomon liams, Jr.; 8. Lemuel Whitney; 9. Jacob Davis; 10. Asa S. Shaw.

SECULAR LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—W. Jabez Hunter, M.; William Donague, V.; Silas Bowen, J. W.; Sewall Cutttng, Sec'y. Communications Tues- preceding each full moon.

No. 2, *North Star*, Manchester.—Extinct.

No. 3. *Rochester*, at Vergennes,—W. Abijah Barnum, M.; Rufus Harris, V.; Wm. Gage, J. W.; Edward Flint, Sec'y. Communications Thursdays eding each full moon.

No. 4. Extinct.

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—W. Edward Eells, M.; Lavius Fillmore, V.; Orrin Stowell, J. W.; William Campbell, Sec'y. Communications 1st nday in each month except December.

No. 6, *Centre*, Rutland.—W. Levi Lawton, M.; James Porter, S. W.; ophilus Capen, J. W.; William Gookin, Sec'y. Communications second nday in each month.

No. 7, *Washington*, Burlington.—No returns. Communications first dnesday in each month except July.

No. 8, *Hiram*, Pawlet.—No returns. Communications Thursday pre- ing full moon of each month.

No. 9, *Aurora*, Montpelier.—W. Joseph Hawes, M.; Lemuel Farwell, W.; Lucius Q. C. Bowles, J. W.; Daniel Baldwin, Secretary. Commu- ations Monday in the week in which the moons fulls.

No. 10, *Franklin*, St. Albans.—W. Samuel H. Farnsworth, M.; Shel- ith S. Hall, S. W.; Nathan Green, J. W.; Bushnell B. Downs, Secretary nmunication 1st Monday in each month.

No. 11, *Olive Branch*, Chester.—W. Artemas Robbins, M.; Daniel Wait, W.; John P. Williams, J. W.; Amos Heald, Secretary. Communication dnesday preceding full of the moon in each month.

No. 12, *Newton*, Arlington.—W. Abel Aylesworth, Jr., M.; Elijah ck, S. W.; Zechariah Lyon, J. W.; E. D. Y. Millard, Secretary. Com- nication second Tuesday in each month.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, Putney.—W. Thomas Boyden, M.; Nathaniel amberlain, S. W.; Samuel Sessions, J. W.; Benjamin Ormsbee, Secretary, nvenes Wednesday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 14, *Harmony*, St. Johnsbury.—W. Jude Kimball, M.; Calvin wett, S. W.; Josiah C. Willard, J. W.; Isaac Fletcher, Secretary. Com- nications Wednesday of or preceding full moon in each month.

No. 15, *Federal*, Brookfield.—W. Jacob Davis, M.; Dana Miller, S. W.;

John Smith, J. W.; Seth G. Bigelow, Secretary. Communications Monday preceding each full moon.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, Wardsborough.—W. Jonathan Robinson, Jr., M.; Joseph Wait, S. W.; Peter Hammond, J. W.; Pearly Fairbank, Secretary. Communications Monday preceding the full moon of every other month, beginning with January.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun*, Hardwick.—No returns. Communications on the day of full moon in each month.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, Bridport.—W. John Smith, M.; William Whitford, S. W.; Jonathan Wetherbee, J. W.; Augustus Grovenor, Secretary. Communications 1st Wednesdays monthly.

No. 19, *Cement*, Fairhaven.—W. Elisha Parkell, M. Communications Wednesday preceding each full moon.

No. 20, *Friendship*, Hinesburgh.—Samuel Hulbert, Secretary.

No. 21, *Washington*, Brandon.—No returns. Communications 1st Wednesday in each month.

No. 22, *Lively Stone*, Derby.—W. Nehemiah Wright, M.; John Steward, S. W.; Jacob Chase, J. W.; Benjamin Hinman, Secretary. Communications Thursday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 23, *Warren*, Woodstock.—W. Gaius Perkins, M.; Joseph Churchill, Jr. S. W., Ophin Leonard, J. W.; Ignatius Thompson, Secretary. Communications Thursday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 24, *George Washington*, Chelsea.—No returns. Communications Thursday preceding full moon.

No. 25, *Lamoille*, Fairfax.—W. James Farnsworth, M.; Abigence M. Robinson, S. W.; Isaac Farrar, Jr., J. W. Communications 1st Wednesday in each month.

No. 26, *Rainbow*, Middletown.—No returns. Communications third Monday in each month.

No. 27, *Morning Star*, Poultney.—W. Noah Wells, M.; Harris Hosford, S. W.; Benjamin How, J. W.; Samuel Martin, Secretary. Communications first Wednesday in each month.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, Royalton.—W. Lovell Hibbard, M.; Ebenezer Dewey, S. W.; William Pierce, J. W. Communications Wednesday preceding the full moon in each month.

No. 29, *Tabernacle*, Pownal.—W. Zacheus Hovey, M.; Peleg Hall, S. W.; Thaddeus Thorp, J. W.; Solomon Wright, Jr., Secretary. Communications Thursday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 30, *Farmers*, Danby.—W. Moses Ambler, M.; David Young, S. W.; Miner Hilyard, J. W.; C. Phillips, Secretary. Commuications first Thursday of each month.

No. 31, *St. Johns*, Springfield.—W. Moses Cobb, M.; Levi Hoyt, S. W.;

Bazaliel Wood, Jr., J. W.; Aaron Spencer, Secretary. Communications Tuesday of or preceding full moon.

No. 32, *Blazing Star*, New Fane.—W. Jonathan Nye, M.; Amzi Doolittle, S. W., Luke Knowlton, J. W.; Hezekish Robinson, Secretary. Communications Thursdays preceding full moon in each month.

No. 33, *Charity*, Newbury.—W. William Barron, M.; David Hartwell, W.; Charles Hale, J. W.; J. Bayley, Secretary. Communications Second Monday in each month.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Brattleboro', W. Lemuel Whitney, M.; Willard Ems, S. W.; Elisha Chase, J. W.; Henry Clark, Secretary. Communications Tuesdays preceding full moon.

No. 35, *United Brethren*, Hartford.—W. George E. Wales, M.; William Little, S. W.; Josiah Dorr, J. W.; Ebenezer Brown, Secretary. Communications Tuesday preceding full moon.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon*, Hydepark.—W. Christopher Huntington, M.; Robb P. Hadley, S. W.; Joseph Waterman, J. W.; Robert Kimball, Secretary. Communications Wednesday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 37, *Green Mountain*, Ludlow.—W. Jona. Going, Jr., M.; Sewall Blum, S. W.; Isaac Reed, Jr., J. W.; Nathan P. Fletcher, Secretary. Communications Thursday of or preceding full moon in each month.

No. 38, *Missisquoi*, Berkshire. -W. Solomon Williams, Jr., M.; Penuel Stevens, S. W.; Edward Cook, J. W.; Samuel S. Butler, Secretary.

Social, Wilmington.—W. Jairus Hall, M.; Jesse Swift, S. W.; Edmond Livermore, J. W.; John Roberts, Secretary. Commuincations Wednesday preceding full moon.

Independence, Orwell.—Daniel Root, M.; Wait Branch, S. W.; Asher Nichols, J. W.

St. John's, Thetford.--W. J. P. Bartholomew, M.; Thos. Kendrick, S. W.; John Hall, J. W.; Beriah Loomis, Jr., Secretary. Communications Wednesday preceding each full moon.

Morning Flower, Rupert.—W. Elisha Hopkins, M.; Amos Harman, Jr., S. W.; Peter Stevens, J. W. Communications first Monday in each month.

Eastern Star, Reading.—W. Silas Bowen, M.; John Wakefield, S. W.; John S. Hawkins, J. W. Communications Friday preceding full moon.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

We, delegates from the several Lodges in the State of Vermont, fully authorized and empowered by our respective Lodges for the purpose, do constitute, ordain and establish the following as the constitution of a Grand Lodge in this State:

That, the Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, two Grand Deacons; the Master and Wardens for the time being of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and all Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Stewards and Grand Deacons of the Grand Lodge, and all past Masters of regular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge, organized asaforesaid, shall be styled and known by the name of "The Grand Lodge, of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Vermont, independent, and governed solely by its own Laws."

The Master and Wardens of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, who cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy, which proxy shall have the same number of votes as his constituents, and such proxy shall be a Master Mason.

A Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Friday next succeeding the second Thursday of October, annually, at such place as the Legislature shall convene (until the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise, and shall have given three months' notice of such alteration to all the Lodges in this State). But the Grand Master or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master shall have power to convene special Grand Lodges, at such time and place as he shall think fit, not contrary to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge; provided, that at such special Lodges, to be convened after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in October next, no by-law shall be made, altered or repealed.

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, at the stated annual meeting, by the members of the Grand Lodge present: a majority of the votes, either personally or by proxy, shall be necessary to constitute a choice; and the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote, and no other.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to constitute new Lodges, by patents ıder their seal, and the signature of the Grand Master, or, in his absence, the eputy Grand Master, for the time being, attested by their Secretary, under ıch restrictions as they shall think proper; and to establish an uniform ode of working throughout the State; strictly adhering to the ancient nd marks, usages and customs of Masonry, which are on no account to be moved or defaced.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to require, from time to time, from e several Lodges under their jurisdiction, such sums of money as they ıall think necessary, to be appropriated for the benefit of the Craft; which quisition and appropriation shall be made by two-thirds of the voters resent, voting as aforesaid at their stated annual meeting only.

In case of the death, resignation or absence of the acting Grand Master, ıe next officer in rank shall take the chair, and possess all the powers of the rand Master, during such vacancy or absence, until the next annual elec-on.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to make bye-laws, and all other owers necessary and proper to an independent Grand Lodge, not inconsis-ent with this constitution.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to hear and determine all appeals, nd decide in all disputes between the different Lodges under their jurisdic-on.

The Grand Lodge, upon granting a Charter incorporating a new Lodge, ıay demand such reasonable fees as they shall establish by their bye-laws.

All the Lodges in this State shall, before the day of the next annual ıeeting, deposit with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge their present harters, and shall receive from the Grand Lodge new Charters, to take pre-edency according to the seniority of their present Charters. The new harters shall be granted to the present Lodges without expense, excepting ıe expense of engrossing, when that shall be done by the Grand Lodge.

This constitution shall be subject to revision and amendment when ıch revision and amendment shall be petitioned for by two-thirds of the odges in this State, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And when ıch petitions shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of ıe Grand Master to issue his warrant, directing each Lodge within this tate, as aforesaid, to elect their representative; to meet in convention at ıch time and place as the Grand Lodge shall direct; which convention, when ıet, shall have full power to revise and amend this constitution, in such ıanner as they shall think will best conduce to the interests of the craft.

The delegates present, before they dissolve this convention shall meet ıd choose the officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall, when elected, possess ll the powers of officers of a Grand Lodge, until the next meeting of this

Grand Lodge, as by this constitution established, and until new officers are chosen in their stead.

Done in convention of all the Lodges in this State, fully authorized and empowered, at Rutland, this fourteenth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and in the year of Masonry 5794.

NATHAN BROWNSON,
President of the Convention, and delegate from North Star Lodge.

STEPHEN JACOB,—*Vermont Lodge.*

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS,
WILLIAM COOLEY, } *North Star Lodge.*

ENOCH WOODBRIDGE,
ROSWELL HOPKINS, } *Dorchester Lodge.*

NOAH SMITH,
NATHANIEL BRUSH,
DAVID FAY, } *Temple Lodge.*

JOHN CHIPMAN,
THOMAS TOLMAN,
JOEL LINSLEY, } *Union Lodge.*

Attest,

DAVID FAY,
Secretary.

A true copy from the original.

Attest,

DAVID FAY.
Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The committee appointed at the last communication to revise the bye-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge made the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont:

We the undersigned committee, appointed to revise the by-laws and regulations of said Lodge, report the following:

Art. 1. The communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Monday preceding the 2d Thursday of October annually, at 9 o'clock, A. M., alternately on the east and west side of the mountain, and that Windsor, in the county of Windsor, be established on the east, and that Rutland, in the county of Rutland, on the west side of the mountain, as the places for holding such communications for the term of four years.

Art. 2. The State of Vermont shall be divided into ten Masonic Districts in manner following, viz.:

The county of Windsor to be denominated the first District, the county of Bennington the 2nd, the county of Addison the 3rd, the county of Rutland the 4th, the county of Chittenden the 5th, the county of Caledonia the 6th, the counties of Franklin and Grand Isle the 7th, the county of Windham the 8th, the county of Orange the 9th, and the counties of Orleans and Essex the 10th, District. And it shall be the duty of the M. W. G. Master, by and with the advice of the Grand Lodge, at the annual communications, to appoint in each of the said Districts an Assistant Deputy, whose duty it shall be at least once in each year to visit and instruct in the mysteries of Masonry all the Lodges in his District; to install new Lodges, if necessary, and make report of the state of the several Lodges in his District to this Grand Lodge at their annual communications, for which services the said Deputies shall be paid by each Lodge he shall so visit the sum of two dollars per day.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master annually to appoint Grand Chaplain, Stewards, Marshal, Sword Bearer, Pursuivant and Tylers.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Grand Lodge personally to attend the annual communications, and of the Secular Lodges under

its jurisdiction, to attend by their Masters and Wardens, or the proxies of those officers, which proxies shall have the jewels of the officers whom they represent, together with certificates of their appointment (which certificates shall be in the form annexed, marked A.—See appendix), and also transmit to the Grand Secretary at the same time regular returns of the names of their officers, and the persons whom they have initiated, passed, and raised, together with one dollar for every entered apprentice made in their several Lodges since the annual communication of the Grand Lodge (which returns shall be in the form annexed, marked B.—See appendix), and if any Lodge shall neglect to send a proper person as representative, make due returns, and pay such dues for two annual successive communications of this Grand Lodge, shall be struck off the Grand Lodge books, their charter being forfeited. But on proper application to the Grand Lodge, payment of dues, and making due returns, they may be restored to their former rank and privileges, if the Grand Lodge shall judge proper.

ART. 5. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, and without debate.

ART. 6. A majority of the members present shall determine all questions, except in cases of the suspenrion, expulsion. or restoration of a member, in which cases two-thirds shall be required by ballot, the presiding officer in all cases to have a casting vote and no other.

ART. 7. No charter shall be granted for the formation of a Lodge, but upon the petition of at least five known and approved Master Masons, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated, which petition shall be accompanied by the recommendation of at least two-thirds of the Lodges in the Masonic District wherein the new Lodge is to be holden.

ART. 8. For every charter for the formation of a new Lodge, shall be paid into the Grand Treasury twenty-five dollars, and five dollars to the Grand Secretary.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, proper to be written, receive and collect all monies due to the Grand Lodge, pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, and keep a regular account of the same, and to communicate to the several Grand Lodges within the United States, and to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, such matters as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time require.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all monies from the Grand Secretary, keep a regular account of the same, and pay them out to the order of the Grand Master, with the consent of the lodge, and account therefor at every annual communication, and oftener if required.

ART. 11. No brother can be elected or appointed Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden who is not a Past Master.

ART. 12. Every charge brought before this Grand Lodge against any member thereof shall be made in writing, and the member so charged shall be furnished with a copy thereof by the Grand Secretary. Any brother suspended or expelled from the Grand Lodge shall also be suspended or expelled from every secular lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of this every lodge, as aforesaid, shall be duly notified by the Grand Secretary.

ART. 13. No brother can be proxy for or represent more than one lodge at the same time, nor can he vote as such proxy, if the person or persons whom he represents be present.

ART. 14. Upon the demise of any lodge within or under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of such lodge shall, within twelve months afterwards, surrender to the Grand Secretary all books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture thereof, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 15. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, can at the same time act as a Master, Warden, or proxy of a subordinate lodge.

ART. 16. The Grand Secretary may appoint his deputy, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 17. The jewels of the Grand Lodge shall be gilt with gold; the collars, aprons and trimmings shall be white, and the members from the secular lodges shall wear their respective jewels.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. Each lodge within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a transcript of the proceedings of such lodge, wherein any member is suspended or expelled, or wherein any person's petition to be initiated hath been rejected; and the Grand Secretary shall, as soon as may be, communicate the same to each lodge within and under said jurisdiction.

ART. 2. When any person is proposed to be made a Mason who resides in another town where a Lodge is holden, or nearer any regular Lodge than that in which he is proposed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to write to such other Lodge, to know if they have ever refused him admission, and if they know any just and lawful reason why he ought not to be made a Mason; and to their report, due weight and consideration ought to be given.

ART. 3. No person shall be initiated at the same meeting of the Lodge at which his petition is presented, or passed at the same meeting he is initiated, or raised at the same meeting he is passed, that the members may have time to be fully satisfied as to the character of the candidate.

ART. 4. The fees for initiating a candidate into the first degree of Ma-

sonry shall not be less than ten dollars, for passing two, and for raising three dollars.

ART. 5. No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, and a brother who has been a member of any Lodge cannot again be admitted a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, without first producing a regular dismission from such Lodge, with a certificate of his good standing, and that he has paid all dues to that Lodge.

ART. 6. No brother shall be admitted a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, until he has obtained the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

ART. 7. None but Master Masons, being members of the Lodge, can propose or recommend a candidate for the honors of Masonry, or vote for their admission, passing or raising, or vote for the admission of members.

ART. 8. Each secular Lodge within and under this jurisdiction shall have full power to hear and determine all disputes between its own members, to suspend and expel with the concurrence of two-thirds of the memberr present, from which decision there shall be no appeal: and if any membes expelled apply for restoration, he shall be restored only by an unanimous ballot, but in case of suspension two-thirds may restore. *Provided:* That all complaints shall be entered, and the member thereof notified, one stated communication previous to any vote against him; and the like notice in case of a petition for restoration.

ART. 9. The Grand Master has full right and authority not only to be present, but to preside in every Lodge under this jurisdiction, with the Master at his left hand.

ART. 10. No funeral procession can be allowed without leave of the senior officer of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member; but no one can be entitled to this honor, unless he be a Master Mason and in regular standing. Nevertheless a stranger may be honored with a funeral procession (if a Master Mason) by any Lodge if they judge proper. Plain white aprons with white gloves and white stockings are proper to be worn at funerals.

ART. 11. Every Lodge has an inherent right to make bye-laws and regulations for their own government and concerns. *Provided always:* That such laws and regulations are conformable to the principles of the order and usages of Masons, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

ART. 12. Every Lodge may exercise all the right of discipline over Masons (not members thereof) who reside in the immediate vicinity of such Lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons while resident in the vicinity of such lodge.

ART. 13. All former bye-laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby repealed from and after the present communication.

LUTHER E. HALL, } *Committee.*
E. D. WOODBRIDGE, }

VERGENNES, October 7, A. L. 5806.

APPENDIX.

A

I, A. B., Master of ———— Lodge, No. ——, do hereby appoint brother C. D. my representative in the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and in token thereof have sent my jewel, empowering him to act in my behalf, and hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever he may see cause to do in said capacity.

Given under my hand at———the———day of——— A. L., 58

A. B., Master of————Lodge.

B.

Return to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Vermont, of all those who have been initiated, passed or raised, in———Lodge, No.——from the —— day of ——— A. L. 58—to the——day of———, A. L. 58—of which Lodge A. B. is Master; C. D. Senior Warden; and E. F. Junior Warden.

Names.	Place of Abode.	When Initiated.	Fees to Grand Lodge.	When passed Fellow Crafts.	When raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason.	Suspended, expelled, or otherwise dealt with.

D. Lodge, No.———A. L.

A. B., Secretary.

Which report was read and accepted.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREGOING BYE-LAWS.

Resolved, That when any member of any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be expelled, such expulsion shall be by the Secretary of such lodge caused to be published in some newspaper in this State, with a request to the printers in the United States to insert the same in their respective papers.

Resolved, That no apprentice or craft, initiated or passed in any lodge within the United States, shall be passed or raised in any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, other than that in which he was initiated, unless he has a written recommendation from the lodge in which he was initiated or passed.

Passed October 6, 1807.

Resolved, That the last clause of the twelfth article be amended so as to read in the words following: "Any brother suspended or expelled from this Grand Lodge shall by virtue of such suspension or expulsion, be excluded all privileges of Masonry throughout its jurisdiction, while under such sentence." 3d, that the 6th article of these bye-laws be expunged; 4th, that the

following article be added, to wit: "No brother shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, except he be a member, without special invitation of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Wardens."

Passed October 9, 1810.

Resolved, That it may be considered the duty of the several Masters of the secular lodges under this jurisdiction, that whenever a member of any lodge over which he may preside, shall neglect to attend the lodge of which he is a member for more than three successive communications, to summon such member to attend and show cause, if any he have, why he should not be expelled, suspended or otherwise dealt with.

Ordered, That the fees of the Grand Secretary for charters made on parchment for secular lodges be ten dollars.

Passed October 12, 1813.

A true extract from the records.

Attest,

J. ROBINSON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

1816.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Vergennes, in the County of Addison, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 7th day of October, A. L. 5816. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. LUTHER E. HALL,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. BENJAMIN CHANDLER,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. RUSSELL A. BARNUM,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. NATHANIEL B. ELDRIDGE,	Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. SOLOMON WILLIAMS, JR.,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. REV. JONATHAN GOING, JR.,	Grand Chaplain.
NATHANIEL PECKHAM, ELIJAH HITCHCOCK,	Grand Stewards.
ASA STRONG,	Grand Pursuivant.
SETH GEERE,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Chipman, Past Grand Master; Enoch D. Woodbridge, Past Master; Jabez G. Fitch, Past Master; William Burritt, Past Master; Abijah Barnum, Past Master; John Smith, Jr., Past Master; David Edmond, Past Master.

Received the returns from the several secular lodges, by which it appeared that the following brethren were duly elected delegates, and entitled to seats as members of the Grand Lodge:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—William Donoghue, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Allured Hitchcock, M.; William M. Gage, S. W.; Horace Wheeler, by proxy J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 4, *Temple.*—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells by proxy M.; John M. Weeks, S. W.; Martin Hopkins, J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—William Storer, by proxy M. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $18.00, for two years.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M.; Lemuel Page, J. W. and by proxy, S. W. Dues paid for two years, $19.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Timothy Fisher, by proxy M. and J. W.; Asahel Fitch, by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $13.00 for two years.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Parley Davis, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 10. *Franklin.*—Nathaniel B. Eldridge, M. and by proxy J. W.; Benjamin Chandler, by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Abel Aylsworth, Jr., M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $17.00.

No 13, *Golden Rule.*—Thomas Boyden, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, M., and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Bliss Walker, J. W., and by proxy M. and S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 17. *Meridian Sun.*—Richard Hill, S. W., and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $9.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—William Whitford, M.; Jonathan Weatherly, S. W.; Augustus Grown, J. W. Dues paid, $6.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, S. W., and by proxy, M. and J. W. Dues paid for two spears, $22.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—John Strong, M.; John Cobb by proxy, S. W.; John Barney, by proxy, J. W. No dues.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Ebenezer Child, M., and by proxy, S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $7.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Not represented.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Ezra Bliss, M., and by proxy, S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $8.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Joseph D. Farnsworth, M.; James Farnsworth. S. W.: ———, by proxy, J. W. Dues paid, $11.

No, 26, *Rainbow.*—Barker Frisbee, by proxy, M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $19.

No. 27.—*Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Ebenezer Dewey, S. W., and by proxy, M. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—William Marsh, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.

No. 30, *Farmers.*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. Johns.*—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 33.—*Charity.*—Not represented.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues id, $10.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Rodolphus Brown, by proxy M., S. and J. '. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountvin.*—Jonathan Going, Jr., by proxy M., S. and J. '. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Solomon Williams, Jr., M., and by proxy S. and J. '. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—Ephraim Smith, by proxy, M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, 10.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Joel Barber, J. W., and by proxy, M. and S. V. Dues paid, $15.

No. 41, *Eastern Star.*—Silas Brown, M., and by proxy, S. and J. W. Dues paid, $15.

Received for the charter of this lodge, $25.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Elisha Hopkins, M., and by proxy, S. and J. V. Dues paid, $8.

Received for charter for this lodge, $25.

No. 43, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

Brothers, John Chipman, George Robinson, Lemuel Whitney, Luther E. Hall and James Farnsworth, appointed a conmittee of charity.

The committee appointed to settle with the late Treasurer, George Robinson, made report as follows, to wit:

In the hands of the late Treasurer	$49.27
Due from Rupert Lodge	25.00
In the hands of Brother John Chipman	28.43
Due from Reading Lodge	35.00
Balance due from Brother Jona. Nye, in settling his account	11.46
Due from Orwell charter, supposed to be in the hands of Brother Jona. Nye	35.00
	$184.16

Report read and accepted.

The same committee, to wit: Brothers, Luther E. Hall, Benjamin Chandler and James Farnsworth, in same report found due to Grand Secretary on his account $50.39.

Voted, That the committee appointed to settle with the late Treasurer, adjust and settle the Grand Master's bill of clothing for Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Master's bill for clothing be put on file. Brothers Luther E. Hall, Benjamin Chandler and James Farnsworth appointed

a committee to settle with the present Grand Treasurer, and report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers, Hall, Going and Eldridge, appointed a committee to take into consideration communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

Joseph D. Farnsworth, Going and Chipman, appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of granting new charters, and removing the places of old ones. Brothers Aylsworth, Davis and Fitch, appointed a committee on the following complaint:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, now sitting:

WHEREAS, Washington Lodge, No. 21, at Brandon, have been implicated in some degree for unmasonic conduct, we, the petitioners move that a committee may be appointed to hear the testimony, and make report as soon as may be, to the Grand Lodge.

Signed,

JOHN M. WEEKS,
JOHN CHIPMAN.

The first four officers of this Grand Lodge, appointed a committee to examine a book lately published by the Rev. Brother Bradley, entitled "Some of the Beauties of Masonry," and make report.

Called from labor to dispensation.

Called from dispensation to labor.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Missisquoi Lodge for removal to the town of Enosburgh, made report: That the prayer of said petition ought to be so far granted that the Lodge have permission to remove from Berkshire to Enosburgh. Read and accepted.

The following District Deputy Grand Master, made their several reports, to wit;

District No. 1, Artemas Robbins; 2, Elijah Buck; 3, John Chipman, verbal; 4, Elisha Parkhill; 7, Solomon Williams, Jr.; 8, Lemuel Whitney, verbal; 9, Jacob Davis.

All of which were accepted.

The following resolution was referred to a committee of three, to wit: Hopkins, Capin, and Ells:

WHEREAS, it is thought by this Grand Lodge, that it would conduce more to the promotion of harmony in the celebration of the festival of St. John, observed by the Lodges under this jurisdiction, to have a union of Lodges to attend each celebration;

Resolved, That in future the celebration of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, in each Masonic District, under this jurisdiction, shall be so far under the control of the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District as to authorize and direct the place where each celebration shall be holden, beginning with the oldest lodge in his district, and go on in

succession; and that it shall be the duty of the officers of the several lodges in each district to attend such celebration by themselves or separate proxies, and to recommend to the members of their several lodges to attend as punctually as may be consistent, at the time and place assigned by the District Deputy Grand Master, under whose jurisdiction they may respectively reside.

The petition of sundry brethren for a new lodge at Rockingham was presented, and referred to the committee appointed for that and other purposes, to wit: Joseph D. Farnsworth, Going and Chipman.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge pay a band of music $25 for their services to-morrow, out of the funds of the lodge.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following were duly elected, viz.:

M. W. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Master.
R. W. George Robinson,	Grand Deputy Master.
W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. James Farnsworth,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. Phinehas White,	Grand Treasurer.
W. Jonathan Robinson, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
W. George E. Wales,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Solomon Williams, Jr.,	Grand Junior Deacon.

For officers appointed look further on. Brothers Robinson and Whitney appointed a committee to revise the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge compensate the Rev. M. Hopkins with $10 (he to deliver no sermon to-morrow, the Grand Chaplain being present), together with the thanks of this Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Vergennes, 8th October, A. L. 5816.

Agreeable to adjournment, the Grand Lodge convened and called to labor.

Present as yesterday. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren for a new Lodge at Rockingham, report:

That in their opinion the prayer of petitioners ought to be granted, whenever they shall have obtained the consent of another Lodge in that Masonic District.

J. D. FARNSWORTH,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the celebration of St. John's being under the control of District Deputy Grand Masters, report: That in their opinion it ought not to be adopted.

Report read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren for a new Lodge at Weston, report: That they would recommend that the same ought not to be granted.

J. D. FARNSWORTH,
For Committee.

Report read and accepted.

The committee to whom were referred the papers in the Grand Secretary's hands from Foreign Lodges made report: That having attended to the business of their appointment, and finding that they consist of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, would recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward the proceedings of this Grand Lodge to the several Grand Lodges from whom we have received communications, in return.

NATHANIEL B. ELDRIDGE,
For Committee.

Report read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution to enquire into the expediency of altering the sessions of this Grand Lodge, report: That no alteration of the sessions of this Grand Lodge ought now to take place.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,
For Committee.

Report read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint relative to Washington Lodge, No. 21, made report:

That they find from examination that there is difficulty between Washington Lodge, No. 21, and a number of Masons in their vicinity, which in their opinion requires further examination from this Lodge. Therefore recommend the appointment of another committee, in the vicinity of said Lodge, to meet and enquire into the difficulty and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

JABEZ G. FITCH,
For Committee.

Report read and accepted. Whereupon Bros. Chas. K. Williams, Edward Eells and Wait Branch were appointed committee.

Voted, That the Jewels of North Star Lodge, No. 2, now in hands of Bro. Asa Strong, be brought into the Grand Lodge and laid up in the archives of the same.

Voted, That Bro. David Edmond be appointed a committee to collect an account against Bro. Seth Storrs, late Grand Treasurer, of $82.56 adjusted by a committee the 6th of October, A. L. 5812.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor, and proceeded in grand procession under the direction of Nathaniel B. Eldridge, Grand Marshal, below stairs, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. Bro. Jonathan Going, Jr., Grand Chaplain; after which the procession returned and resumed their labor.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge present the Vermont Bible Society with the sum of one hundred dollars, whenever the funds will admit.

Grand Lodge called from labor, and proceeded in grand procession to Ir. Painter's inn, and partook of a dinner prepared for the occasion; from ence marched in procession to the Lodge room and resumed their labor.

Brother James Farnsworth, appointed a committee to procure a plate r striking diplomas for this Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the by-laws for revision, made eport, verbally, that in their opinion the article in the by-laws directing the rand Secretary to cause to be published rejections in secular lodges, ought be expunged. Report accepted.

Voted, That Bros. Jonathan Nye, Lemuel Whitney and Phineas White, appointed a committee to revise the by-laws of the Grand Lodge and report at its next session.

Brother John Chipman, appointed a committee to present the Grand haplain $20 together with the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his sermon elivered this day.

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master be a committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Steward.

The committee appointed to examine a book lately published by Rev. Bro. Joshua Bradley, entitled "Some of the Beauties of Masonry," report: hat on examination of said book, we are of opinion that its general circulaion would promote the interest of Masonry, and that it merits the patronage f this Grand Lodge.

JONATHAN NYE,
For Committee

Report accepted.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand odge shall have full power to hear and determine all disputes between heir own members; to examine their conduct; to suspend, expel, and estore them, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, xcept in cases of expulsion, when it shall require an unanimous vote from hich decisions there shall be no appeal.

The following brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, and ppointed by the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters:

District No. 1, Artemas Robbins; 2, Elijah Buck; 3, John Chipman; , Elisha Parkell; 5, George Robinson; 6, Samuel Goss; 7, Solomon Villiams, Jr.; 8, Lemuel Whitney; 9, Jacob Davis; 10, Richard Hills.

The whole amount of monies received at this communication for dues rom secular Lodges, and two charters, was three hundred and eighty-nine ollars ($389.00).

The whole amount of expenses allowed, etc., etc., and paid out by

Grand Secretary, *pro tempore*, was two hundred and twenty dollars a[illegible] eighty-eight cents, as follows, viz.:

Paid Rev. Mr. Hopkins	$10 00
Rev. Grand Chaplain	20 00
Grand Steward's bill	45 16
Grand Tyler's bill	4 00
Music bill	25 00
Painter's bill	56 33
Grand Secretary's balance of his account, adjusted by committee	50 39
Grand Secretary, *pro tempore*,	10 00
	$220 88

Balance sent to Brother Phineas White, Grand Treasurer, $168 1[illegible]

After regulating the internal concerns of the lodge, the Grand Lodge wa[illegible] closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

RUSSELL A. BARNUM,
Grand Secretary, pro t[illegible]m.

SUSPENSIONS AND REJECTIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Garil Nichols, of Starksborough, 18th January, A. L. 5816.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Nathaniel Sherrill, of Orwell, 9th January, A. L. 5816.

SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—William Smith and Robert Bostwick, of Vergennes, 9th November, A. L. 5815; and both restored again, 7th March, A. L. 5816. Solomon Clark, late of Vergennes, and now of Malone, State of New York, restored 1st August, A. L. 5816.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Stephen Cowdrey, of Middletown, 8th February, 1816, for one year.

REJECTIONS.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Zopha Davis, of Ferrisburgh, 3rd April, A. L. 5816; Johnson of do., 8th September, 5816.

No. 6, *Center.*—William B. Harrison, of Rutland, 1st August, A. L. 5814; Benjamin Needham, of Shrewsbury, September, 5814.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Joseph D. Merrill, of Burlington, 1st February,

5815; Peter B. Smith, of do., September, 5815; Russell Jones, of do., September, 5815; William B. Ferris, of Essex, September, A. L. 5815; Chester Atherton, of Essex, 3rd April, A. L. 5816; John D. Heggen, of Burlington, 3rd January, 5816.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Freedom Calvin, of Pawlet, 23d March, 5815; Seeley Brown, of Pawlet, 23rd March, 5815; ——— Wilcox, of Pawlet, 11th Jan., 5816.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Jonathan M. Baisdell, 1st Monday in June, A. L. 5816.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Gersham F. Holmes, of Randolph, 8th January, A. L. 5816.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Aaron Hamilton, of Tinsmouth, 4th July, A. L. 5816; Reuben Coy, of Middletown, 5th September, A. L. 5816.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—David Adams, of Royalton.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—James Cutter, of New Fane, 5th September, A. L. 5816.

No. 34 *Columbian.*—Ebenezer Scott, of Vernon.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Titus Samson, of Berkshire, 16th October, A. L. 5815; Andrew Barton, of Enosburgh, 16th October, A. L. 5815; Sterling Parker, of Richford, 11th December, A. L. 5815.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Harrison Elwell, of Rupert, 9th April, A. L. 5816.

Attest,

RUSSELL A. BARNUM,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

1817.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Windsor, in the county of Windsor, on the Monday preceding the second Thursday, being the 6th day of October, A. L. 5817. After prayer by the Grand Chapainl, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

M. W. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Master.
R. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. ARTEMAS ROBBINS,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JONATHAN ROBINSON, JR.,	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN T. LEVERETT,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R. W. SILAS BOWEN,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. ASA STRONG,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. ROBINSON SMILEY,	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM DONAGUE, W. JOEL LULL,	Grand Stewards.
W. RUFUS ROOT,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. EZEKIEL PARSONS,	Grand Tyler.

Received the returns from the several secular Lodges, by which it appeared the following brethren were duly elected delegates, and entitled to seats as members of the Grand Lodge,

No. 1, *Vermont.*—William Doneghue, M.; T. Boynton, S. W.; I. Townshend, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Asa Strong by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 4, - Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*- John M. Weeks, S. W. and by proxy M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—William Storer, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*— Not represented.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*- L. Q. C. Bowles, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Artemas Robbins, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $7.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Nathaniel Chamberlain, M. and by proxy S. and . Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Reuben Kibbe, S. W. and by proxy M.; Daniel ams, J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jonathan Robinson, Jr., by proxy M., S. and . Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Augustus Grovner, S. W., by proxy M. and J. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, M., by proxy S. and J. W. Dues $3.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Samuel Hurlburt, J. W. and by proxy M. and S. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Nehemiah Wright, M., and by proxy S. and J. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Justus Burdick, by proxy S. W. Dues paid, $9 00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Not represented.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Daniel Parsons, proxy for M., S. and J. W. paid, $7.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Lovell Hibbard, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. paid, $10.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Not represented.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Samuel Emerson, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues for two years, $12.00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Calvin Haskins, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. paid for two years, $19.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Hezekiah Robinson, M.; Munnis Kenney by S. W.; David W. Sanborn, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—George A. Burbank, S. W. and proxy for M., S. and . Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, proxy for M., S. and J. W. paid, $9.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Not represented.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Jacob P. Hadley, M. and proxy for S. and J. Dues paid, $6.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Nathan P. Fletcher, by proxy, M.; Joseph rson, S. W.; Asahel Smith, J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Nathaniel Griswold, by proxy M.; S. and J. W. Dues not paid.

No. 39, *Social.*—John Roberts, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Herman Hosford, J. W., by proxy M. Dues paid in part, $15.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Silas Bowen, M.; John Wakefield, S. W.; Calvin Chapin, J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Jonathan Barron, by proxy. M. and J. W.; Thomas Gould, S. W. Dues paid, $11.

PAST OFFICERS.

Return B. Brown, Henry Stevens.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Horace Dunham, Silas H. Sabin, John Barney, Jabez Hunter.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters present were called upon, and made their reports.

Agreeable to a standing regulation, the following brethren were appointed the committee of charity for the ensuing year, to wit: Robinson Smiley, Nathan P. Fletcher, Nathaniel Chamberlain, Jonathan Barron, and Silas Bowen.

The petition of John Wakefield and others, praying for a charter for the formation of a lodge at Waitsfield. by the name of Hiram Lodge, presented by Brother John Wakefield, and also the petition of a number of brethren praying for a charter for the formation of a lodge in Townshend, in the County of Windham, by the name of White Stone, presented by Brother Munnis Kenney, were read and referred to Brothers Samuel Hurlburt, L. Q. C. Bowles, and Nathaniel Griswold.

Brother Robinson Smiley presented a request in behalf of Brother John Barney, for the approbation of this Grand Lodge, as a lecturing master, accompanied with certificates and documents respecting his qualifications, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of the following brethren: Artemas Robbins, William Donague, and Hezekiah Robinson.

The committee appointed at the last communication to examine and revise the bye-laws of the Grand Lodge made their report, which was read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following were duly elected:

M. W. Jonathan Nye,	Grand Master.
R. W. George Robinson,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Senior Warden.

ES FARNSWORTH,	Grand Junior Warden.
EHAS WHITE,	Grand Treasurer.
ATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,	Grand Secretary.
S BOWEN,	Grand Senior Deacon.
UEL HURLBURT,	Grand Junior Deacon.

and Lodge then adjourned until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WINDSOR, Tuesday, October 7, A. L. 5817.

rand Lodge convened agreeably to adjournment, and called to sent as yesterday. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

unications from Foreign Grand Lodges were presented by the retary, and referred to a committee of the following brethren: itney, Nathan P. Fletcher and Munnis Kenney.

ommittee appointed to take into consideration the report of the puty Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District, relative to Frank- made report as follows:

ommittee to whom was referred the communication of the District and Master, No. 7, with respect to the deplorable situation of odge, No. 10, as it respects their want of discipline, divisions, and of the members, etc., respectfully report: That so far as your have been able to obtain information, they find the representation ict Deputy Grand Master of said District substantially correct, refore of opinion that this Grand Lodge ought to adopt immediate withdraw from said Franklin Lodge their charter.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

report was read and accepted, and the committee requested to olution accordingly, who further reported as follows:

committee appointed to devise and report the measures proper to l by this Grand Lodge for taking from Franklin Lodge, No. 10, er, agreeable to a vote already passed, respectfully recommend, W. Grand Master be requested (should it be convenient for him) said Lodge, and should he be of opinion that the good of Masonry mand, in the name of the Grand Lodge, their charter, jewels, etc., l it not be convenient for him, that the District Deputy Grand Masonic District, No. 7, be directed by the M. W. Grand Master the same service.

P WHITE,
For Committee.

nd accepted.

ommittee to whom was referred certificates, etc., respecting Bro. ade report as follows:

they had examined Bro. Barney on the three first degrees of nd find him to be well acquainted with the Lectures, according

to the most approved method of work in the United States, and believe that he may be advantageously employed by the Lodges and brethren who may wish for his services; but as many of the Lodges in this State are already well acquainted with the several Masonic Lectures, we do not believe it would be consistent to appoint a Grand Lecturer to go through the State, as the several Lodges have to pay the District Deputy Grand Masters for their attendance. We therefore propose to the Grand Lodge that they give Bro. Barney letters of recommendation to all Lodges and brethren wherever he may wish to travel, as an unfortunate brother deprived of his health, and unable to procure a living by the common avocations of life, but who is well qualified to give useful Masonic information to any who may wish for his services.

A. ROBBINS,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Wakefield and others, and brethren in Townshend, for charters for the formation of Lodges in Waitsfield and Townshend, beg leave to report:

That in their opinion the prayer of the brethren in the town of Waitsfield and vicinity, for the establishment of a Lodge in that town ought to be granted, on condition of their complying with the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, by obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the Lodges in that District; and your committee at the same time beg leave to report on the subject of the petition from the brethren in Townshend, that in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, on condition of their obtaining the consent of the four nearest Lodges in the 8th Masonic District in this State. Your committee would also suggest the propriety of recommending the adoption of other names for said Lodges than those specified in the petitions.

SAMUEL HURLBURT,
For Committee.

Read and accepted relative to the Waitsfield petition the report on the petition from brethren in Townshend postponed until the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bros. R. B. Brown, R. Kibby, and H. Hosford, appointed a committee to settle with the Treasurer.

The following brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters:

District No. 1, Silas Bowen; 2. Elijah Buck; 3. John Chipman; 4. Benjamin W. Hone; 5. Samuel Hurlburt; 6 and 10. Lucius Q. C. Bowles; 7. Solomon Williams, Jr.; 8. Lemuel Whitney; 9. John H. Cotton.

Appointments by the M. W. Grand Master:

R. W. and Rev. Robinson Smiley, Grand Chaplain; W. Thomas Hosford, Grand Marshal; W. David W. Sanborn, Grand Sword Bearer; W.

ohn T. Leverett, Lemuel Farwell, Parley Davis, Grand Stewards; Nathan ewett, Grand Pursuivant; Joseph Wiggin, Grand Tyler.

Bro. John T. Leverett was nominated by the Grand Secretary and ap-ointed by the Grand Lodge, Assistant Secretary.

At eleven o'clock the M. W. Grand Lodge was called from labor to dis-ensation, and proceeded under the direction of the R. W. John Roberts as rand Marshal, and escorted by the Windsor Artillery Company, commanded y Capt. Cochran, to the Congregational Meeting-House, where an appro-riate discourse was delivered by the R. W. Robinson Smiley, Grand haplain.

The procession then returned to Brother Pettes, where the brethren sat own to a sumptuous repast, and soon after returned to the Hall, and re-umed their labors.

Bro. Robbins introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to present the thanks of his Grand Lodge to the Rev. Robinson Smiley for his excellent discourse elivered this day, and present him with twenty dollars from the funds of his Grand Lodge.

Read and adopted and Bro. Silas Bowen, appointed said committee.

The committee of charity introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ver-ont pay to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society the sum of $30 r the purpose of constituting Brother Robinson Smiley, Grand Chaplain of e Grand Lodge of this State, a member for life.

N. P. FLETCHER,
Chairman, pro tem.

Read and adopted.

The committee of charity beg leave to report, that there are no particu-r applications for charity, nor of any particular case, except that of Brother onathan Going, Jr., who, attempting to visit his friends in this State, and lso this Grand Lodge, has met with the unfortunate occurrence of losing a orse, and recommend a donation of $20 from any monies in the hands of he Treasurer not otherwise appropriated.

ROBINSON SMILEY,
Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Brother Robbins introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge annually appoint delegates to the rand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, for the purpose of pro-oting harmony and good understanding; of establishing a regular system f labor and discipline, and of strengthening the chords by which we are nited to each other. Which resolution was referred to the M. W. Grand aster, R. W. Lemuel Whitney, and R. W. Artemas Robbins.

The committee beg leave further to report, that Brother John Barney who has attended the Grand Lodge this session, is totally unable to accumulate a support by his own industry, and is therefore a fit subject for charity. Therefore recommend, that the Grand Lodge present him the sum of $10 out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

N. P. FLETCHER,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

Brother John M. Weeks introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Brothers Charles K. Williams, Edward Ells, and Wait Branch, a committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, at Vergennes, to examine into the conduct of Washington Lodge, No. 21, requesting them to take the business for which they were appointed into further consideration, and report the allegations and charges exhibited by John M. Weeks and John Chipman, complainants, together with the facts which have been or may be proved.

Read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Robbins, respecting an annual delegation to the neighboring Grand Lodges, made a report, that the resolution ought to be adopted, and that the Grand Lodge proceed immediately to appoint delegates accordingly.

J. NYE,
Chairman.

Which report was accepted, and the M. W. Jonathan Nye was duly elected a delegate to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the R. W. Lemuel Whitney, Esq., was elected a delegate to the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

On motion of Brother Lemuel Whitney, G. S. W.:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed 150 copies of the bye-laws of this Grand Lodge, adopted this session, and the proceedings of the present and last year's communications of the Grand Lodge, and transmit one copy to each of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and one copy to each of the Grand Secretaries of the several states, and also one copy to each of the secretaries of the secular lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges.

Read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the several communications from Foreign Grand Lodges beg leave to report:

That they have attended to their duty, and find nothing worthy of particurar notice in them, except one from the Grand Secretary of the State of New Hampshire, which they beg leave to lay upon the table.

Read and accepted.

The committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, report as follows:

That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find that

there has been by him received, $217.53 and by him paid out, $100.50, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, previous to the present communication, one hundred seventeen dollars three cents.

R. B. BROWN,
For Committee.

Read and accepted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to examine the different numbers of the several Lodges in this State, correct any errors which may have taken place, and give the proper numbers to those which have none already to their charters.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a trunk for the safe-keeping of the furniture of this Grand Lodge.

After regulating the internal concerns of the Grand Lodge, proceeded to close in due and ancient form.

Attest,

JONATHAN ROBINSON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

A LIST OF EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND REJECTIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Joseph Brackett, of Weybridge, April 5, 1817.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—Bethuel Goff, of Berlin, Jan. 27, 1817.

No. 20, *Friendship Lodge.*—Orange Baldwin, of Montreal, March 5, 1817.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—James Owen, April 5, 1816, and John Knapp, August 5, 1816.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—Lewis Sampson, of Hartford, Jan. 11, 1816, and Nathan Fletcher, of Woodstock, Jan. 30, 1816.

No. 34, *Columbian Lodge.*—Webster Cole, April 29, 1817.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon Lodge.*—Ralph Tinker, of Morristown, March 26, 1817.

No. 37, *Green Mountain Lodge.*—Asahel Strecter, of Weathersfield, and Junia Parker, of Cavendish, June 26, 1817.

REJECTIONS.

No. 22, *Lively Stone Lodge.*—John Thompson.

No. 19, *Cement Lodge.*—Elijah H. Dean, of Benson, Feb. 26, 1817.

No. 37, *Green Mountain Lodge.*—Charles Sprague, Jona. Whitcomb, of Ludlow, and E. F. Webster, of Chester, March, 1817.

King Solomon's Lodge.—Bill Blake, of Rockingham, 1814.

SECULAR LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—W. William Donague, M.; Thomas Boynton, S. W.; Isaac Townshend, J. W.; Samuel Hedge, Secretary. Communications Tuesday preceding each full moon.

No. 2, *North Star*, Manchester.—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester*, Vergennes.—W. Luther E. Hall, M.; Martin Stone, S. W.; Seth Geer, J. W.; Horace Wheeler, Secretary. Communications Thursday preceding each full moon.

No. 4,———. Extinct.

No. 5, *Union*, Middlebury.—W. Lavius Fillemore, M.; John M. Weeks, S. W. Samuel Mattocks, J. W.; Edward Eells, Secretary. Communications 1st Monday in each month except December.

No. 6, *Centre*, Rutland.—W. James Porter, M.; Benjamin Smith, S. W.; Ira Carpenter, J. W.; Joseph Berry, Secretary. Communications second Monday in each month.

No. 7, *Washington*, Burlington.—No returns. Communications first Wednesday in each month except July.

No. 8, *Hiram*, Pawlet.—No returns. Communications Thursday preceding full moon of each month.

No. 9, *Aurora*, Montpelier.—W. Joseph Hawes, M.; John Reed, S. W.; Harry Richardson, J. W.; L. Q. C. Bowles, Secretary. Communications Monday in the week in which the moon fulls.

No. 10, *Franklin*, St. Albans.—W. Nathan B. Eldridge, M.; Joel Clapp, S. W.; Cyrus Keith, J. W.; E. H. Wead, Secretary. Communications first Monday in each month.

No. 11, *Olive Branch*, Chester.—W. Daniel Wait, M. John P. Williams, S. W.; Cephas L. Rockwood, S. W.; Amos Heald, Secretary. Communications Wednesday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 12, *Newton*, Arlington.—No returns. Communications second Tuesday in each month.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, Putney.—W. Nathaniel Chamberlain, M.; Joseph Metcalf, S. W.; Thomas Boyden, J. W.; Thos. White, Secretary. Communication Wednesday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 14, *Harmony*, St. Johnsbury.—No. returns. Communications Wednesday of or preceding full moon in each month.

No. 15, *Federal*, Brookfield.—W. Elisha Seabury, M.; Daniel Williams, S. W.; Reuben Kibber, J. W.; Seth G. Bigelow, Secretary. Communications Monday preceding each full moon.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, Wardsborough.—W. Peter Hammond, M.; Bliss Walker, S. W.; Thomas Barber, Jr., J. W.; Leland Fairbank, Secretary.

ommunications Monday preceding full moon of every month, beginning ith January.

No, 17, *Meridian Sun*, Hardwick.—No returns. Communications on the ıy of full moon in each month.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, Bridport.—W. Jonathan Wetherbee, M.; Augustus rovener, S. W.; Daniel Hamlin, Jr., J. W.; Zerah Smith, Secretary. Comıunications first Wednesdays monthly.

No. 19, *Cement*, Fairhaven.—W. John P. Collamer, M.; Barnabas Ellis, . W.; Matthew Hickok, J. W.; M. Sheldon, Secretary. Communications Vednesday preceding each full moon.

No. 20, *Friendship*, Hinesburgh.—W. William Hurlburt, M.; John M. ldridge, S. W.; Samuel Hurlburt. J. W.; Isaac D. Buck, Secretary.

No. 21, *Washington*, Brandon.—No. returns. Communications first Vednesday in each month.

No. 22, *Lively Stone*, Derby.—W. Nehemiah Wright, M.: John Stewart. . W.; Jacob Chase, J. W.; Benj. Hinman. Secretary. Communications hursday preceding full moon.

No 23, *Warren*, Woodstock.—W. Willis Hall, Jr., M.; Bennet Palmer, . W.; Francis Perkins, J. W.; Job Lyman, Secretary. Communications hursday preceding full moon each month.

No. 24, *George Washington*, Chelsea.—No returns. Communications hursday preceding full moon.

*No.*25, *Lamoille*, Fairfax.—No returns. Communications first Wednesday n each month.

No. 26, *Rainbow*, Middletown.—No returns. Communications third Ionday in each month.

No. 27, *Morning Star*, Poultney.—W. Benj. W. Horr, M.; Truman Iosford, S. W.; Samuel Martin, J. W.; Daniel Parsons, Secretary. Communications first Wednesday in each month.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, Royalton.—W. Lovell Hibbard, M.; Ebenezer Dewey, Jr., S. W.; William Peirce, J. W.; Harry Bingham, Secretary. Communications Wednesday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 29, *Tabernacle*, Pownal.—No returns. Communications Thursday ıreceding full moon in each month.

No. 30, *Farmers*, Danby.—W. David Young, M.; Azariah Hillard, S. W.; seael Fisk, J. W.; Moses Ward, Secretary. Communications first Thursday n each month.

No. 31, *St. John's*, Springfield.—W. Calvin Haskins, M.; B. Woods, S. W.; N. Cobb, J. W.; Henry W. Read, Secretary. Communications Tuesday ıf or preceding full moon.

No. 32, *Blazing Star*, New Fane.—W. Hezekiah Robinson, M.; Silas Kenney, S. W.; David W. Sanborn, J. W.; Horace Dunham, Secretary, Communications Thursday preceding full moon in each month.

No. 33. *Charity*, Newbury.—W. Charles Hale, M.; Geo. A. Burbank, S. W.; Alanson Smith, J. W.; J. Bailey, Secretary. Communications second Monday in each month.

No. 34, *Columbian*, Brattleboro.—W. Elihu Field, M.; Samuel Root, S. W.; John Hodson, J. W.; Henry Clark, Sec'y. Communications Tuesday preceding full moon.

No. 35, *United Brethren*, Hartford.—No returns. Communications Tuesday preceding full moon.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon*, Hydepark.—W. Jacob P. Hadley, M.; Joseph Waterman, S. W.; Veranus Lathrop, J. W.; Joseph W. Safford, Sec'y. Communications Wednesday preceding, full moon in each month.

No. 37, *Green Mountain*, Ludlow.—W. Isaac Reed, Jr., M.; Joseph Patterson, S. W.; Asahel Smith, J. W.; Nathan P. Fletcher, Sec'y. Communications Thursday, of or preceding full moon in each month.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*———

No. 39, *Social*, Wilmington.—W. John Roberts, M.; Silas Axtell, S. W.; Isaac Eames, J. W.; Levi Field, Sec'y. Communications Wednesday preceding full moon.

No. 40. *Independence*, Orwell.—No returns.

No. 41, *St. John's*, Thetford.—W. I. P. Bartholomew, M.; Thomas Kendrick, S. W.; Heman Hosford, J. W.; Beriah Loomis, Jr., Sec'y. Communications Wednesday preceding each full moon.

No. 42, *Morning Flower*, Rupert.—No returns. Communications first Monday in each month.

No. 43, *Eastern Star*, Reading.—W. Silas Bowen, M.; John Wakefield, S. W.; Calvin Chapin, Jr., J. W.; Thomas F. Hammond, Sec'y. Communications Friday preceding each full moon.

No. 44, *King Solomon's*, Rockingham.—W. Joseph Elliot, M.; Thomas Gould, S. W.; John H. Wells, J. W.; Amos Hitchcock, Sec'y. Communications Monday preceding full moon.

Attest,

JONA. ROBINSON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

1818.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont con-
d at Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of
ber, A. L. 5818, being the sixth day of said month. After prayer by
Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

W. and Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	Grand Master.
W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Senior Warden.
W. JAMES FARNSWORTH,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Treasurer.
W. JONATHAN ROBINSON, JR.,	Grand Secretary.
W. SILAS BOWEN,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. SAMUEL HURLBURT,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. and Rev. ROBINSON SMILEY,	Grand Chaplain.
W. NATHAN JEWETT,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOSEPH WIGGINS,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R. W. Enoch D. Woodbridge, Past Master; R. W. Jude Kimball, Past
ter; R. W. Charles Bulkeley, Past Master; R. W. Jeduthun Loomis,
Master; R. W. Thomas Boyden, Past Master; R. W. Asa Strong, Past
ter; R. W. John Conant, Past Master.

The returns from the secular Lodges were then presented, by which it
ared that the following brethren were duly elected delegates, and
led to seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Return B. Brown, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues
, $3.00.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Seth Geer, M.; W. M. Page, S. W.; Samuel Wilson,
. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—Edward Eells, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid,
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No. 6, *Centre.*—Benjamin Smith, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues
, $15.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, M. and by proxy S. and J. W.
s paid for two years, $14.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Phinehas Strong, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid,
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No. 9, *Aurora.*—Joseph Howes, M.; John Poor, S. W.; Harry Richard-
J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Nathaniel B. Eldridge, M. and by proxy S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Timothy Brownson, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $7.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Phinehas White, by proxy M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Jude Kimball, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for three years, $14.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Elisha Seabury, M.; Reuben Kibbee, S. W.; J. Davis, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jonathan Robinson, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Timothy Stanley, S. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid for two years, $5.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Luther Ferre, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Barnabas Ellis, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Joseph Hurlburt, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—John Conant, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $6.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—William Howe, proxy for M. S and J. W. No dues.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—D. A. A. Buck, M. and proxy for S. W.; Ephraim Hatch, J. W. Dues paid for two years, $18.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—J. D. Farnsworth, M., James Farnsworth, proxy for S. W., and Zerah Willoby, proxy for J. W. Dues paid for two years, $24.00

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—James Clark, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Ebenezer Dewey, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—William Marsh, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $11.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, M.; Munnis Kenney, S. W. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Simeon Stevens, Jr., S. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Zebulon Lyon, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $5.00.

No. 38. *Missisquoi.*—Elihu M. Royce, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.)ues paid for two years, $5.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Barnard Ketchum, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $10.00.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Beriah Loomis, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W.)ues paid, $8.00.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—John Weed, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $5.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Silas Bowen, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.)ues paid, $6.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Joseph Elliot, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.)ues paid, $5.00.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Edmund Rice, proxy for M.; T. Jones, proxy for . W., and Giles Eldridge, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters were then called upon, who ıade their reports, relative to the state of their respective Districts.

The returns from Harmony Lodge, and papers from said Lodge, were ferred to a committee consisting of Bros. John Conant, Zerah Willoby, and ilas Bowen.

Bros. Joseph D. Farnsworth, Joseph Elliot and D. A. A. Buck, were)pointed a committee of charity.

A petition of sundry brethren in Waterford was presented, praying for a ant of a new Lodge, which was read and referred to a committee consist- ıg of Bros. James Farnsworth, Charles Bulkeley and Edward Eells.

A petition from sundry brethren in Townshend, praying for a grant of new Lodge, was read and referred to the same committee.

The petition of Adoniram Lodge, working under dispensation at Dorset, raying for a Charter, was read and referred to the same committee.

Bros. Nathaniel B. Eldridge, Munnis Kenny and Jude Kimball were)pointed a committee of finance.

The committee to whom was referred the returns and papers of Harmony odge made the following report:

'O THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, NOW IN SESSION:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Harmony Lodge, at t. Johnsbury, beg leave to report, that it appears to them that said Lodge id not wilfully neglect their duty, and that although it was the duty of the [. W. Grand Master to suspend their labors, until he could learn their asons, which being now explained, they would recommend that Harmony odge be permitted to continue their labors.

JOHN CONANT,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sundry communications from Foreign Grand Lodges were presented by the Grand Secretary, and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. George Robinson, Phinehas White and Samuel Hurlburt.

Preparatory to proceeding to the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, Bros. Zerah Willoby, Jeduthan Loomis and Seth Geere, were appointed tellers to sort and count votes.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz.:

M. W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Master.
R. W. George Robinson,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. James Farnsworth,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Phinehas White,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Jeduthan Loomis,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Silas Bowen,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Samuel Hurlburt,	Grand Junior Deacon.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 45, paid $10.00 in part for their Charter.

On motion of Bro. Elliot,

Voted, That a committee be raised for thepurpose of takinginto consideration the privileges of the District Deputy Grand Masters,and other officers of the Grand Lodge, who are not entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, and make report to-morrow morning. Bros. J. Nye, George Robinson and D. A. A. Buck were appointed the above mentioned committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

October 7th, A. L. 5818, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday. Prayer by the R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren in Waterford, praying for the grant of a new lodge, to be denominated Morning Dawn, made report that in their opinion the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, which was read and accepted, and the prayer of said petition granted accordingly.

Brother Elliot introduced the following resolution:

In Grand Lodge, October 7th, 5818.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon our late M. W. and Rev. Grand Master Jonathan Nye, and return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his able and faithful services as Grand Master for three yeas past.

Which resolution was read and adopted, and Brother Elliot appointed a committee to perform said services.

The following resolution was introduced.

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7th, A. L. 5818.

Resolved, That the resolution of this Grand Lodge adopted at their session in October, A. L. 5817, making it the duty of said Grand Lodge annually to appoint delegates to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges made report on the communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which report recommended that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire that the price of initiation in this State has generally, for a long time, been $10, for passing $2, and for raising $3, and that this Grand Lodge, see no cause for altering said prices.

Which report was read and adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed accordingly.

The same committee made report on the communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, that it was in their opinion inexpedient to take any order thereon.

Which was read and adopted.

The commmittee raised for the purpose of taking into consideration the privileges of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and other officers of the Grand Lodge who are not entitled to vote, made report of a resolution on the subject referred to them.

Which was read and rejected.

The following named brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand Master and appointed by the Grand Lodge District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz:

District No. 1, Silas Bowen; 2, Elijah Buck; 3, John Chipman; 4, J. P. Colburn; 5, Samuel Hurlburt; 6, Jude Kimball; 7, A. B. Eldridge; 8, Joseph Elliot; 9, Naph. Shaw, 2d; 10. William Howe.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments by himself, for the year ensuing, viz:

R. W. and Rev. Robinson Smiley, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Lucius Q. C. Bowles, GrandMarshal; R. W. Jonathan Robinson, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer; W. Samuel Goss, Daniel Baldwin, Nathan Jewett and Joseph Wiggins, Grand Stewards; R. W. Asa Strong, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Adoniram Lodge, at Dorset, made report thereon that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and that said Lodge hold their communications in the town of Dorset; which report was read and accepted, and the prayer of said petition granted accordingly.

Bro. Smith was excused during the remainder of the session.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren in Townshend, praying for the grant of a new Lodge, made report thereon: "That the prayer thereof ought to be granted, under the restriction that the Lodge shall hold their communications at the upper village of Townshend;" which report was read and accepted and the prayer of the petition granted accordingly, by the yeas and nays, which were: yeas, 81, nays, 16.

Brother Poor was excused for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Bro. Nye, it was voted that St. John's Lodge, No. 41, be credited ($5) five dollars.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. Buck:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7, A. L. 5818.

Resolved, That Bro. James Farnsworth be appointed a committee for the purpose of procuring diplomas for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that he be instructed to furnish the Grand Lodge with diplomas, not exceeding five hundred in number, at the next annual communication, which diplomas shall be such as will answer for the three first steps in Masonry, and that he be authorized to draw from the Treasury any money not otherwise appropriated to the amount of one hundred dollars, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay that amount on the order of said committee; which was read and accepted.

The committee of finance made the following report:

The committee of finance report that they find the amount of cash in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer to be..... $ 61 53
Cash in the hands of the late Grand Secretary..... 240 02

Making the sum of.....		$301 55
Due for the Grand Stewards' bill this day.....	$ 77 81	
Due to the M. W. Grand Master for attending the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	25 00	
Due to our late M. W. Grand Master, J. Nye, for visiting Franklin Lodge, No. 10.....	25 00	
For attending the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts...	33 50	
For cash paid J. Dunham, for writing two charters	20 00	
For letter postage.....	2 50	
For revising by-laws.....	5 00	
Making a total sum of.....	$188 81	
From which deduct his credit of.....	25 00	
Leaves a balance his due of.....	$163 81	
Due to the Grand Tyler for two day's services.....	4 00	
Making the sum due from the Grand Lodge.....		167 81
Leaving a balance in favor of the Grand Lodge of..		$133 74

All which is submitted,

A. B. ELDRIDGE,
For Committee.

Which report waa read and accepted.

The committee appointed at the session of the Grand Lodge, A. L. 5816, enquire into the complaints against Washington Lodge, No. 21, which was erred from the last communication of the Grand Lodge, was called up. e report of said committee was: That they had attended to the several urges against said Lodge, and find that said Lodge have in some instances iated from the rules of the Fraternity. Yet the committee are of opinion; much of the misunderstanding has resulted from misinformation rather n from wilful intention of doing wrong, and are of opinion that the good the Fraternity does not require any further proceedings against said Lodge; ich report was read and accepted.

The committee of charity made the following report:

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION.

The committte of charity report, that they recommend the widow shburn, of Townshend, relict of Brother Josiah Washburn, late of Rockham, as a fit subject of charity, and that the sum of $10 be placed in the ds of Brother Ezekiel Ransom, of said Townshend, to be appropriated as may think proper, or her necessities may in his judgment require. Your mmittee also recommend as above widow Olive Moulton, of Fairhaven, ict of our late Brother Moulton, deceased, and that the sum of $10 be warded by our Brother Barnabas Ellis, for the relief of our distressed end, Mrs. Moulton.

All which is submitted.

JOSEPH ELLIOT,
For Committee.

Which report was read and adopted by the yeas and nays; which were eas 56, nays 34.

Brother Nye introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7th, A. L. 5818.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented by a committee to our Right Worshipful and Reverend Brother Smiley, for his sermon this day delivered, and also present him with the sum of $20 for his rvices.

Which resolution was adopted, and Brother Nye appointed a committee perform said service.

Brother George Robinson introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7th, A. L. 5818.

Resolved, That whenever a member of any secular lodge within the risdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall have been expelled, be afterards restored to his former standing in the lodge, it shall be the duty of ich lodge to cause such restoration to be published in some newspaper in is State, with a request to the printers in the United States to insert the ame in their respective papers.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being closed, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Amasa Stowel, 27th March, 5818.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Daniel Dana, 27th March, 5817.

No. 10, *Franklin Lodge.*—Joseph Carter, Jr., 2d December, 5817.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—John Smith, 22d May, 5816.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—R. W. Fenton, 15th July, 5818.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Timothy Fairchild, 14th September, 5818.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Alexander Durand, 9th July, 5818.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Nathaniel Nichols, July, 5816,

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Williard Warner.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Silas Lovell, 27th March, 5817.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—John Butler, 27th March, 5817.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Stephen Cowdery, 27th March, 5817.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Thomas Stephens, Jr., 16th June, 5818.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—James C. Stone, 13th July, 5818.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Amos Town, 14th September, 5818.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Abraham Humphrey, 16th December, 5817.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Wines Hurd, during the pleasure of the lodge.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Jacob Dewey, June 17th, 5818, for three communications.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Daniel Patterson, January 2d, 5817. One year.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Albigence W. Robinson, February 5th, 5817. Indefinitely.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Peter Gilson, July 14th, 5818. One year.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—John H. Burton, February 3d, 5818.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Israel P. Dana, May 28th, 5818.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Hubbard Field, May 28th, 5818.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—David Warren, September 28th, 5818.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1819.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5819, being the 12th day of said month. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

PRESENT.

M. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Master.
R. W. JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro. tem.*
R. W. PHINEAS WHITE,	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. JEDUTHUN LOOMIS,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
W. DANIEL BALDWIN,	Grand Assistant Secretary.
R. W. THOMAS BOYNTON,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro. tem.*
R. W. H. E. G. McLAUGHLIN,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro. tem.*
R. W. and Rev. ROBINSON SMILEY,	Grand Chaplain.
W. SAMUEL GOSS, W. JOSEPH WIGGINS, W. NATHAN JEWETT.	Grand Stewards.
W. REUBEN KIBBEE.	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JONATHAN EDDY,	Grand Tylor.

MEMBERS.

R. W. R. B. Brown, Past Master; R. W. Martin Field, Past Deputy Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Thomas Boynton, M. and proxy for S. and J. W Dues paid paid, $8.

No. 2.—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—William M. Gage, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 4,—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.* –Jonathan Hagar, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $24.00,

No. 6, *Centre.*—Whitman B. Haskins, M. and proxy for J. W.; Preserved Fish, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Lemuel Page, S. W. and proxy for M.; E. B. Haswell, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Phinehas Strong, proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Joseph Howes, M.; Daniel Baldwin, S. W.; John Spaulding, J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—N. B. Eldridge, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—John P. Williams, M. and prexy for S. and J.W, Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Asa Keyes, 2d, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Jude Kimball, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No, 15, *Federal.*—Jacob Davis, M. and proxy for S. W.; Reuben Kibbee' J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Pearley Fairbanks, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Milo Shepard, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Luther Ferre, S. W. and proxy for M. and J.W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No, 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship,*—John M. Eldridge, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—William Howe, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid. $2.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Joseph Churchill, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 24' *George Washington.*—H. E. G. McLaughlin, M.; Ephraim Hatch, S. W.; Josiah Dana, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Joseph D. Farnsworth, M. and proxy for J. W.; Zerah Willoby, proxy for S. W.

No. 26,. *Rainbow,*—Jonas Clark, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5 00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Elisha Ashley, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Solomon Wright, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 30, *Farmer's.*—Azariah Hilyard, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Robinson Smiley, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Jonathan Nye, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 33, *Charity.*—John H. Cotton, proxy for J. W. No returns.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—John Warner, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Asa Briggs, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—George D. Doud, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Elisha Hopkins, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Sewall Fullum, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—David Kellogg, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Edmund Rice, M.; G. R. Eldridge, S. W.; and J. Wakefield, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Martin Roberts, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 47, *Central.*—Asa Stevens, Jr., S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $23.00.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Nathan Pike, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $18.00.

Brothers Nye, Smiley and Kimball were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master a committee of charity.

The petition of Columbian Lodge, No. 34, praying that said Lodge may be removed from Brattleboro' to Guilford, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

The petition of Joseph Sewell, Peter McMellen, William Sowles, and other brethren, praying that they may be constituted a new Lodge at Alburgh, in Grand Isle County, to be denominated Columbus Lodge, was read and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Joseph Howes, Kellogg and Hatch.

Bros. Willoby, Dana and J. M. Eldridge were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master a committee of finance.

The petition of Brother William Storer was read and referred to the committee of charity.

A publication entitled the "Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor," by Jeremy L. Cross, was presented to the Grand Lodge, and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Williams, Page and R. B. Brown.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters present then made report as to the state of their respective districts.

Adoniram Lodge, No. 46, paid $25.00 for charter fees to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock P. M. The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of Moses Lane, Nathaniel Morrell, David M. Lane, and other brethren, praying that they may be constituted a Lodge, by the name of Temple Lodge, was read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Sewell and others.

The petition of Horatio Beall, Asa Collins, Henry Hodges and others, brethren in Clarendon, praying that they may be constituted a Lodge by the name of Clarendon Social Lodge, to meet at Clarendon, was read and referred to the same committee.

The petition of M. M. Chamberlin, Cyrus Keith, John S. Gallup, and other brethren, praying that they may be constituted a Lodge to meet at Sheldon, was read and referred to the same committee.

Previous to proceeding to the election of officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing, Bros. Roberts, Keyes, and R. B. Brown were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, when the following named brethren were declared duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Master.
R. W. George Robinson,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Phinehas White,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Jos. D. Farnsworth,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Jeduthun Loomis,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Elisha Hopkins,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Thomas Boynton,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

October 13th, A. L. 5819, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 48, paid $25 in full for charter fees to the Grand Lodge.

Central Lodge, No. 47, paid $25 in full for charter fees to the Grand Lodge.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Nye, N. B. Eldridge and Cotton.

The Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing were then duly installed.

Brother Nye introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5819.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider whether any nd if any what testimony of respect it is proper that this Grand Lodge hould manifest for the memory of our distinguished brother Thomas Smith Vebb, and make report.

Which resolution was read and adopted, and Bros. Nye, Smiley, N. B. Ldridge, Loomis, and White, were appointed a committee accordingly, who hereupon reported to the Grand Lodge the following resolutions, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5819.

As expressive of the high sense this Grand Lodge entertain of the lasonic virtues and unremitted and successful exertions for the promotion f the best interest of Masonry, exemplified in the life and character of our ate M. W. Bro. Thomas Smith Webb, late Deputy General Grand High 'riest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, eceased, and as a tribute of respect for his memory:

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge wear appropriate adges of mourning, and that the jewels of the Grand Lodge be dressed in ourning for and during the remainder of the present session: and also,

Resolved, That our M. W. and Rev. Brother Jonathan Nye be appointed announce an eulogy and address, in public, this day, at 12 o'clock M., efore this Grand Lodge, suited to this solemn and mournful occasion.

Which resolutions were read and adopted.

The following named brethren were nominated by the M. W. Grand laster, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, to be District Deputy Grand lasters for the year ensuing, viz.:

District No. 1, Silas Bowen; 2, Martin Roberts; 3, Sam'l. H. Wilson; , Benjamin Smith; 6, Jude Kimball; 7, J. D. Farnsworth; 8, Daniel Kellogg; 9, Naph. Shaw, 2d.; 10, William Howe.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments y himself, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. Robinson Smiley, Grand Chaplain; W. Martin Roberts, Grand Marshal; R. W. Return B. Brown, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Pursuivant; W. Joseph Wiggins, W. Samuel Goss, W. Nathan Jewett, W. John Spaulding, Grand Stewards; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler.

Bro. Loomis introduced a resolution which was amended so as to read as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5819.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge consider the translating, printing and distributing of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, to be an

object of great importance, as tending to promote the happiness of man in this world and his eternal felicity in that which is to come.

Which resolution was then adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to dispensation, and proceeded in grand procession to the State House, where they attended to a discourse by the R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, and an eulogy upon the life and character of our late M. W. Brother Thomas Smith Webb, by our M. W. and Rev. Brother Jonathan Nye, and after refreshment, returned to Masons' Hall, and resumed their labors.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren praying for a new lodge at Alburgh made the following report thereon:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session:

The committee to whom was referred the within petition, having taken the same into consideration, report that in their opinion the prayer ought to be granted.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH HOWES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and a charter for said lodge ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made the following report on the petition of sundry brethren for a new lodge at Sheldon, viz.:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session:

The committee to whom the within petition was referred, report that in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted.

JOSEPH HOWES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren for the grant of a new lodge at Clarendon, as follows, viz.:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session:

The committee to whom was referred the within petition, report upon due deliberation, that in the opinion of your committee the prayer of said petition ought to be granted.

JOSEPH HOWES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and a charter for said lodge ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report as follows on the petition of sundry brethren for the grant of a new lodge at Strafford :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session :

The committee to whom the within petition was referred, report that in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of said petition ought to be granted.

JOSEPH HOWES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and a charter for said Lodge ordered to be issued accordingly.

Brother Daniel Baldwin was nominated by the Grand Secretary, and appointed by the Grand Lodge, Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The committee of charity to whom was referred the petition of Brother William Storer, made report, that it is not in the power of this Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of said petition, which report was read and accepted and the petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion it was then

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to transmit to Brother William Storer, of Rutland, ten dollars from the funds of this Grand Lodge, as a mark of our commiseration and respect for him under his misfortunes.

Brother Nye introduced the following resolution :

In Grand Lodge, October 13, 5819.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient that any public dinner should be provided for the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Stewards, at any future communication of the same.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

Brother Bulkeley introduced the following resolution :

In Grand Lodge, October 13, 5819.

Resolved, That the Grand Stewards, shall not in future furnish any ardent spirits or wine at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the communications from foreign Grand Lodges made report, That they had examined the same as far as possible, and find nothing particularly to notice, but would recommend that we show them the same civility by sending them copies of our proceedings ; which report was read and accepted.

On motion of Brother Loomis it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the M. W. and Rev. Jonathan Nye, for his eulogy on the life and character of Brother Thomas Smith Webb, deceased, delivered this day, at the request of

the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay him as a compensation therefor the sum of ten dollars.

Brother Bulkeley was appointed a committee to sell the jewels and furniture of the late North Star Lodge, who made report that said jewels and furniture were of very small value, and recommended that they be given to Adoniram Lodge, at Dorset; which report was accepted, and the jewels and furniture disposed of accordingly.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary take such measures as he may think proper to collect a claim of this Grand Lodge against Brother Seth Storrs, late Grand Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Voted, That Brother James Farnsworth continue in his appointment to procure diplomas for the use of the Grand Lodge, agreeable to the resolution thereof, adopted at the last session; also,

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master have leave to suffer Social Lodge to retain their charter until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Cotton made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont:

By virtue of a deputation received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, at Waterford, on the 9th day of June, A. L. 5819, Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 48, was legally constituted, and the officers duly installed into office by me.

JOHN H. COTTON.

The M. W. Grand Master reported that at Dorset, in the county of Bennington, on the 31st day of May, A. L. 5819, Adoniram Lodge was by him, with the assistance of the brethren, constituted in ample form, and the officers thereof duly installed; and that at Townshend, in the county of Windham, on the 1st day of July, A. L. 5819, Central Lodge was by him, with the assistance of the brethren, constituted in ample form, and the officers thereof duly installed.

The committee to whom was referred a late publication by Bro. Jeremy L. Cross, entitled the "Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor," made a report recommending said work to the patronage of the Fraternity, which was read and rejected.

Brother Nye introduced the following resolution:

In Grand Lodge, October 13, 5819.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to publish five hundred copies of the proceedings of this, and the last communication of the Grand Lodge, with the By-Laws and General Regulations thereof, and distribute them among the officers of the Grand Lodge, foreign Grand Lodges, and the

subordinate Lodges, in such manner as he shall consider expedient and proper.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The committee of finance made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session:

Your committee of finance, having attended to the business of their appointment, report:

The amount of cash remaining from last year to be.....		$90 45
Amount of cash this day received from the Grand Sec'y..... into the Treasury.....		303 44
Making a sum total of cash in Treasury.....		$393 89
Due from the Grand Lodge, to wit:		
Th. Davis's bill for public dinner.....	$64 00	
For music.....	21 00	
D. Baldwin & Co.'s bill for refreshments.....	41 70	
Due the M. W. Grand Master, for letter postage...	3 75	—130 45
Leaving in the Treasury the sum of.....		$263 44

Which is respectfully submitted,

ZERAH WILLOBY,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

A LIST OF EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND REJECTIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Stephen Weston, April 5, 5819.

No. 15, *Federal Lodge.*—Frederick Porter, October 12, 5818; Jedediah French, December 7, 5818.

No. 18, *Morning Sun Lodge.*—John Hyer, December 4, 5818.

No. 23, *Warren Lodge.*—Robert Hill, January 7, 5819.

No. 30, *Farmers' Lodge.*—John Griffith, October 8, 5818.

No. 34, *Columbian Lodge.*—Eli S. Davis, September 28, 5819.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon Lodge.*—Jacob Willis, September 5, 5819.

No. 46, *Adoniram Lodge.*—William Underhill, April 7, 5819.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Elisha Starkweather, April 5, 5819. Indefinitely.

No. 9, *Aurora Lodge.*—Oliver Perry, Nov. 16, 5818. Indefinitely.

No. 24, *George Washington Lodge.*—Daniel Blodget, Nov. 12, 5818, for one year.

No. 25, *Lamoille Lodge.*—Philander Read, August, 5819. Indefinitely.

No. 30, *Farmers' Lodge.*—John Griffith, October, 5818. Indefinitely; John Harrington and Israel Phillips, October 8, 5818. Indefinitely.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon Lodge.*—George Warner, Oct. 8, 5818, for six months.

No. 40, *Independence Lodge.*—William Fuller, Jan. 5, 5819. Indefinitely;

No. 43, *Eastern Star Lodge.*—Abner Philbrick, Dec. 11, 5818. Indefinitely.

No. 46, *Adoniram Lodge.*—Richard Barton, June 17, 5819. Indefinitely.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn Lodge.*—James Rankin, Feb. 4, 5819, for six months.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 5, *Union Lodge.*—Elisha Starkweather, October 3, 5819.

No. 30, *Farmers' Lodge.*—John Harrington, May 6, 5819; Israel Phillips, May 6, 5819.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1820.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at ons' Hall in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday ctober, A. L. 5820, being the 10th day of said month. After prayer by Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

PRESENT.

W. Lemuel Whitney,	Grand Master.
W. George Robinson,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Silas Bowen,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Jos. D. Farnsworth,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Jeduthun Loomis,	Grand Treasurer.
W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
W. Elisha Hopkins,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. Benj. Smith,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. and Rev. Robinson Smiley,	Grand Chaplain.
W. Samuel Goss, W. Joseph Wiggins, W. Nathan Jewett,	Grand Stewards.
W. Reuben Kibbee,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Jonathan Eddy,	Grand Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R. W. Norman Williams, R. W. Joseph Farnsworth, R. W. Erastus Natrous, R. W. Jude Kimball, R. W. Rufus Root, R. W. Pearley Fairbanks, R. W. Jonathan Roberts, R. W. Pearly Davis, Past Masters.

R. W. Alpheus Baker presented his credentials as a delegate from the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and took his seat accordingly.

The returns from the subordinate Lodges being called for, the following amed brethren presented the returns from their respective Lodges, and ook seats as representatives in the Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—James Lowe, M., and proxy for S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $5.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Samuel Willson, M., and proxy for S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $4.

No. 5, *Union.*—Jonathan Hagar, proxy for M., S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $9.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Benjamin Smith, M., and proxy for S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $3.

No. 7, *Washington.*—George Robinson, proxy for M., S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $1.

No. 8. *Hiram.*—Phineas Strong, proxy for M., S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $6.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—David Baldwin, M.; John Spaulding, S. Warden; Chester Nye, J. Warden. Dues paid, $11.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Asahel Langworthy, M., and proxy for S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $2.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Justin E. Beebe, proxy for M., S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $3.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Benjamin Smith, proxy for M., S. and J. Wardens. Dues paid, $9.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Reuben Kibbee, M.; Darius Pride, S. W.; and W. S. Shepard, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Pearly Fairbanks, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Harvey Scott, proxy for M.; Jacob Babbit, S. W.; Milo Shepard, J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benjamin Miner, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Joel Clapp, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Norman Williams, proxy for M.; John Pratt, J. W. and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Ephraim Hatch, M.; Joshua Dickinson, J. W.; and Ammi B. Allen, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—James Farnsworth, proxy for M.; Luther B. Hunt, S. W. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Barker Frisbee, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid $2.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Nathan Kimball, M. and proxy for S. W.; William Brigham, J. W. Dues paid, $19.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Stoddard Merchant, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No returns.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Robinson Smiley, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Charles Hale, M.; Samuel Reed, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—James Udall, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Joshua Sawyer, proxy for M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Austin Fuller, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—John Robarts, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $22.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Lyman Fitch, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Elisha Hopkins, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Rufus Root, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid $4.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram's.*—Timothy Dolbear, proxy for M.; Erastus Woodward, S. W. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Martin Roberts, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. No returns.

No. 47, *Central.*—Peter R. Taft, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Amaziah Jacobs, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 49, *Temple.*—David M. Lane, M.; Albigence Pierce, S. W.; Gilman Judd, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Not represented.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural* (by dispensation).—Asa Partridge, S. W., and proxy for M. Dues paid, $8.00.

Bros. J. Kimball, Root and Fairbanks were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master a committee of charity.

Bro. M. Roberts introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, 1820.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last communication prohibit-

ing the Grand Stewards from providing refreshments of spirits or wine, for the use of the Grand Lodge, be and is hereby repealed.

Which was read and adopted.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the state of their respective Districts, were then read, when, on motion, it was,

Ordered, That so much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4 as relates to Washington Lodge, No. 21, be referred to a committee of three.

Bros. Sawyer, James Farnsworth and M. Roberts, were appointed a committee accordingly.

The petition of Thomas Hodgkins, Timothy P. Fay, Benjamin Colman and others, praying for the charter of a new Lodge, to meet at Stockbridge, and to be denominated Rural Lodge, was read and referred to a committee of three. Bros. Clapp, J. Roberts and Lowe were appointed the committee.

The petition of Abner Keeler, Nathaniel Healy, Alson Landon and other brethren, braying for a charter of a new Lodge to meet at South Hero, or Grand Isle, and to be denominated Isle of Patmos Lodge, was read and referred to the same committee.

The petition of Walter Stone, Bradbury Green and other brethren, praying for a charter of a new Lodge, to meet at Westfield, and to be denominated —— Lodge, was read and referred to the same committee.

Bro. Smiley introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, 1820.

Resolved, That the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at their last annual session, whereby it was resolved that it is inexpedient that a public dinner should be provided for this Grand Lodge by the Stewards at any future communication, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented, and were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Robinson, Bowen and Watrous.

Brother James Farnsworth made report that he had made some progress in the business of his appointment to procure diplomas for the Grand Lodge; whereupon, on motion it was resolved to continue Brother Farnsworth a committee, agreeable to the resolution adopted at the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, in 1818.

Brothers Smith, N. Williams and Wilson, of Vergennes, were appointed a committee to receive and count votes for Grand Officers for the year ensuing.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for

the year ensuing, when the following named brethren were declared duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

R. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOSEPH D. FARNSWORTH,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. SILAS BOWEN,	Grand Junior Warden.
W. JEDUTHUN LOOMIS,	Grand Treasurer.
W. D. AZRO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
W. ELISHA HOPKINS,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. BENJAMIN SMITH,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 11th, A. L. 5820, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, paid $25 in full for fees to the Grand Lodge for their charter.

Clarendon Social Lodge paid $25 in full for fees to the Grand Lodge for their charter.

Brothers Langworthy, Merchant and Hatch were appointed a committee of finance.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

The committee to whom were referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges made a report recommending to this Grand Lodge a continuance of that friendly and brotherly intercourse which has been commenced between this and the Grand Lodges of the sister States and Canada by an interchange of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with those Grand Lodges, as a means to harmonize the craft, and extend the usefulness of our order. Also, that a list of the members expelledor suspended from the Lodges mentioned in the communications mentionedin the communications above alluded to, be subjoined to the procedings of this Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master, for District, No. 4, as relates to Washington Lodge, No. 21, reported that in their opinion said Lodge as a body have neglected and deserted the true and genuine principles that ought to govern and direct them : that they have so managed and conducted as to cast a stigma upon the Fraternity, are fast levelling the respect which naturally attaches itself to discreet and upright Masons, and that their charter ought to be withdrawn, and their labors suspended until such period as this Grand Lodge, upon due application, shall see fit to restore them to their former privileges. Which report was read and accepted.

Whereupon, Bro. G. Robinson introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 11, A. L., 5820.

Resolved, That the Charter of Washington Lodge No. 21, at Brandon, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be vacated, and the labors of the members of that Lodge be suspended during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge' and that their charter and jewels be taken from them under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hodgkins, Timothy P. Fay and others, for a new Lodge at Stockbridge, made report thereon, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, which was read and accepted, and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of Abner Keeler, Nathaniel Healy, Alson Landon and other brethren, "that they are of opinion that from the local situation of the petitioning brethren, it would be advantageous to the interests of the craft to have a lodge constituted in their vicinity. Yet they not having complied exactly with the requisitions of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge in procuring the approbation of the Lodges in their vicinity, and for other reasons, the committee are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not at present to be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

Which report was read and accepted, and the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The same committee made report on the petition of Walter Stone, Bradbury Green and other brethren, "That the petitioners not having exhibited sufficient certificates of the approbation of secular lodges, and the District Deputy Grand Master, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which report was read and accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

The same committee also made report on the petition of Adoniram Lodge No. 46, "that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted under the following restriction, viz: That said Lodge shall not hold their stated communications any further south than the new dwelling-house of Bro. Christopher Roberts, in Manchester."

Which report was read and accepted, and the prayer of the petitioners granted accordingly.

Br. J. D. Farnsworth, introduced the following resolution.

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 11, A. L. 5820.

WHEREAS, Since the last communication of this Grand Lodge, our worthy brother Nathaniel B. Eldridge, Esq., late of St. Albans, who had been for several years a member of this Grand Lodge, has ceased from his labors,

› be an inhabitant of that country from whose bourne no traveller
ıerefore,

d, Unanimously, that we sincerely deplore, with the surviving relatives of our deceased brother, his death, not only as a loss to and friends, but to the community at large, and the Masonic in particular.

d, Further, that as a testimony of our respect for the memory of d brother, Br. ———, be appointed to present to his widow, a : foregoing resolution, and to assure her that we sincerly condole thize with her on the occasion. The resolution being read, the filled with the name of J. D. Farnsworth, when it was unani- ›pted.

:. W. Grand Master nominated, and the Grand Lodge appointed, ng named brethren, to be District Deputy Grand Masters, for the ıg, viz.:

strict No. 1, Silas Bowen; 2, Martin Roberts; 3, John Bowers: in Smith; 5, Geo. Robinson; 6, Jude Kimball; 7, J. D. Farns- John Roberts; 9, Naph. Shaw, 2d.; 10, William Howe.

:. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments , for the year ensuing, viz.:

and Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Martin Roberts, shal; R. W. James Farnsworth, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Reuben Grand Pursuivant; W. Joseph Wiggins, W. Samuel Goss, W. wett, W. John Spaulding, Grand Stewards; W. Jonathan Eddy, er.

ıbus Lodge, No. 50, paid twenty dollars, in part for fees to the lge for their charter.

rand Lodge at 10 o'clock A. M., was called from labor to dispen- ring the M. W Grand Master's pleasure, and proceeded in grand to the brick Meeting House, and attended to the exercises of the returned to the Lodge and resumed their labors.

rand Secretary nominated, and the Grand Lodge appointed, Brother in, to be assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

er Brown introduced a resolution which was amended so as to llows, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October, 11, A. L. 5820.

ed, That hereafter the Stewards of this Grand Lodge, be, and ›y are directed, if they employ any music at the annual communica- ıe Grand Lodge, not to incur an expense to the Grand Lodge exceeding the sum of four dollars seventy-five cents.

:he resolution was then adopted.

ommittee of charity made report that there had not been any case e them for consideration.

The following resolution was introduced :

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5820.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to our R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, for his sermon this day preached before the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to him the sum of twenty dollars, as a small compensation for his services.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

Bro. J. D. Farnsworth introduced the following resolution :

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5820.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested, whenever the brethren petitioning for a charter of a Lodge at Westfield shall have procured the approbation of the District Deputy Grand Master, for that Masonic District, and two thirds of the Lodges in their District, and shall have satisfied him that the interest of the institution will be thereby promoted, to grant them letters of dispensation to work, until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

Bro. J. Roberts introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5820.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, be instructed to procure to be printed, and cause to be distributed to the secular Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a sufficient number of blank proxies and returns to the Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

Bro. Bowen introduced the following resolution :

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5820.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to pay out of the funds of the Grand Lodge thirty dollars, to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society, thereby to constitute the Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain elect of this Grand Lodge, a member of said Bible Society for life.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee of finance made the following report, viz:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION :

Your committee of finance having attended to the business of their appointment, report.

The amount of cash remaining from last year.....	$194 44
Amount of cash this day received into the Treasury from the Grand Secretary....	281 00
Making in the whole.....	$475 44
From which deduct claims of the Grand Secretary, by us allowed, at.....	44 80
Leaves in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	$430 64

We further report that we have allowed against the Grand Lodge the following sums due to the several persons hereafter named, viz.:

To R. Lamb, for public dinner	$ 48 50	
John Spaulding, for refreshments for Grand Lodge	20 62	
Music	25 00	
Grand Tyler	4 00	
Making in the whole,		$98 12

Which, deducted from the amount now in the Treasury, will leave the sum of ..... $332 52.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. LANGWORTHY,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Brother Napthali Shaw, 2d, District Deputy Grand Master for District ', made the following report:

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT:

By virtue of an order from the M. W. Grand Master at Strafford, on the day of June, A. L. 5820, Temple Lodge, No. 49, was, with the assistance e brethren, constituted in due form, and the officers thereof duly led by me.

NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d,
Dist. Dep. Grand Master for Dist. No. 9.

Brother Benjamin Smith, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. de the following report:

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT:

By virtue of a deputation received from the Grand Master of the Grand e of Vermont at Clarendon, on the 27th day of June, A. L. 5820, ndon Social Lodge, No. 51, was legally constituted, and the officers nstalled into office by me, with the assistance of the brethren.

BENJAMIN SMITH,
Dist. Dep. Grand Master 4th Masonic Dist.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being completed, it was, after prayer by rand Chaplain, closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Amasa Brown, January 31st, A. L. 5820.

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No. 10, *Franklin.*—Benjamin S. Washer.

No 16, *Mount Moriah.* -Ebenezer Towle, June 17, A. L. 1819.

No. 18, *Morning Star.*—Moses Foster.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Jacob Dairey, March 5, A. L. 5819.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Barney Richmond. September 21, A. L. 5820.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Philander Reed, January 5, A. L. 5820.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Jona. Burk,. September 20, A. L. 5820.

No. 43. *Eastern Star.*—Payton Weston, February 25, A. L. 5820.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 5, *Union.*—Theophilus Capen, Jr., May 1, 5820, indefinitely.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Amos Brown, September 6, 5820, till November, 5820.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Willard Cobb, September 21, 5820, indefinitely.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Jona. H. Farr, May 4, 5820, indefinitely.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Dowe Reed, November 3, 5819, indefinitely.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Ethan Allen, August 12, 5820, for three years.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—John Newell, Oct. 5, 5820.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Dowe Reed, Aug. 2, 5820; Albigence W. Robinson, February 2, 5820.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1821.

st Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont
Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the
day of October, A. L. 5821, being the 10th day of said month.
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PRESENT.

L WHITNEY,	Grand Master.
E ROBINSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
). FARNSWORTH,	Grand Senior Warden.
L KELLOGG,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
HUN LOOMIS,	Grand Treasurer.
RO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
L BALDWIN,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
IALI SHAW, 2d,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
SMITH,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
EV. JOEL CLAPP,	Grand Chaplain.
NAH WATERMAN, Y RICHARDSON, INUS BALDWIN, REED,	Grand Stewards.
EN KIBBEE,	Grand Pursuivant.
HAN EDDY,	Grand Tyler.

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Vashington.—Lemuel Page, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No

Iiram.—Return Strong, M. and proxy for S. W.; Shelden
oxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

urora.—Joseph Howes, M.; Harry Richardson, S. W.; Chester
Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Stephen Beach, proxy for M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Isaac Reed, proxy for M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Zachariah Lyon, proxy for M. and J. W.; William Landon, proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—James Keyes, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Jude Kimball, J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Reuben Kibbee, M.; J. K. Parish, S. W.; Zebulon Lyon, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Thomas Tolman, proxy for M. and J. W.; Milo Shepard, S. W. No dues paid.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benjamin Miner, Jr., proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

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No. 24, *George Washington.*—Daniel Wyman, M.; William Wilson, J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Jonas Clark, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Marquis D. F. Hooker, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Nathaniel Kimball, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Azariah Hilyard, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Martin Field, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Napthali Shaw, 2d, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

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No. 39, *Social.*—Jairus Hall, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Benjamin Purdy, M.; Wait Branch, proxy for S. W.; Baruara Ketchum, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No 41, *St. John's.*—Lyman Fitch, proxy for M.; Elisha Thayer, proxy S. W.; Frederick Hovey, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Thomas T. Hammond, S. W., and proxy for M. J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Horace Baxter, proxy for M.; Jona. Barron, S., and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 45, *King Hiram's.*—Ezra Jones, M., and proxy for S. W. Dues $1.00.

No. 47, *Central.*—Munnis Kinny, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No ns.

No. 49, *Temple.*—David M. Lane, M.; Albigence Pierce, S. W., and y for J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—David Holden, proxy for M., and S. and J. Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Timothy P. Fay, M., and proxy for S. W.; Joel per, J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union* (by dispensation).—Jairus Stebbins, proxy for and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos* (by dispensation).—Nath'l Healy, S. W., and xy for M. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 55, *King David's* (by dispensation).—Frederick Richardson, S. W., proxy for M., and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

Brothers Barney, Kimball and Fitch were appointed a committee of rity.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented, referred to a committee of three.

Brothers Field, Robinson and Wyman were appointed the committee.

Brothers White, Branch and Munson were appointed a committee to into consideration petitions for new Lodges.

Brothers Fay, Page and Baxter were appointed the committee of nce.

The petition of sundry brethren in Waterbury, praying that they may onstituted a regular Lodge to meet at Waterbury, under the name of on River Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren in Westfield, praying they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Westfield, under the e of Masonic Union Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren on Grand and South Hero, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge neet at Grand Isle or South Hero, under the name of Isle of Patmos lge; the petition of sundry brethren in Essex, praying that they may be stituted a regular Lodge to meet at Essex, under the name of Macdon-gh Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren of Milton, praying that they be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Milton, under the name of

Seneca Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren in Northfield, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Northfield; and the petition of sundry brethren in Plainfield, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, were severally read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions for new Lodges.

The memorial of sundry brethren of Independence Lodge, No. 40, was read and referred to the committee raised on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

The petition of John W. Cushing, praying for the interference of the Grand Lodge for the redress of grievances sustained by the petitioner from St. John's Lodge, No. 41, was read and referred to a committee of three.

Brothers Lyon, Holden and Hilyard were appointed the committee.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock P. M. The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, was read and referred to the committee of charity.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made report of the state of the Lodges in the several Masonic Districts.

The committee to take into consideration petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Waterbury, "that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted," which was read and accepted, and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Northfield, "that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted," which report was read and accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in South Hero and Grand Isle, "that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and that the contemplated Lodge be established at the town of South Hero," which was read and accepted, and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing.

Whereupon, Bros. Lane, Parish and F. Richardson were appointed tellers to receive, sort and count the votes.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, the following named brethren

l duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, ensuing, viz. :

EL WHITNEY, of Brattleboro',	Grand Master.
GE ROBINSON, of Burlington,	Deputy Grand Master,
H D. FARNSWORTH, of Fairfield,	Grand Senior Warden.
BOWEN, of Reading,	Grand Junior Warden.
HUN LOOMIS, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
ZRO A. BUCK, of Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
HALI SHAW, 2d, of Bradford,	Grand Senior Deacon.
AMIN SMITH, of Rutland,	Grand Junior Deacon.

mittee to whom was referred the petition of John W. Cushing "that they find no cause for granting the prayer of said petition," ead and accepted, and the petitioner had leave to withdraw his

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary ted to report a device for a new seal for the Grand Lodge.

D. Farnsworth introduced the following resolution. viz. :

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, A. L. 5821.

l, That in future, during the session of the Grand Lodge, some e time on each day shall be spent in lecturing.

was read and adopted.

and Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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and Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as

nmittee of charity made report on the petition of Franklin Lodge, mmending the adoption of the following resolution :

l, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be directed to pay to n Beach, the representative of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, the sum lars, for the benefit of brother Samuel Barlow, the unfortunate ned in said petition.

resolution was read and adopted.

nmittee on petitions for new Lodges, made report on the petition rethren in Milton, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought d.

was read and accepted, and a charter ordered to be issued

ne committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in hat no brother appeared to support the prayer thereof, but from c source, your committee have derived information that the

petitioners have resolved to abandon their petition; therefore, recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Which was read and accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

The committee raised on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made report on the memorial of sundry brethren of Independence Lodge, No. 40, as follows, viz:

OCTOBER 11, A. L. 5821.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW CONVENED:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry brethren of Independence Lodge, No. 40, respectfully report: That having heard the parties and given the subject due consideration, they regret that such are the present appearances that unless the Grand Lodge shall be so fortunate as to adopt measures which shall conciliate the brethren of said Lodge, the interests of Masonry, in that vicinity, will materially suffer.

The Lodge appears to be nearly divided into equal numbers, and the statements made to us, though very little variant, and the dispute conducted with mutual candor and masonic forbearance, yet each party appears tenacious of the object in view. We are unable to point out any course by which this dispute can at this time be brought to an end, but would recommend that the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee, consisting of a disinterested brother from each of the three adjoining Lodges in this State, who shall meet, after notice to the Lodge, and hear and determine the dispute between the members of said Lodge, and the determination of said committee shall be final when made and reported to the Grand Lodge, which report shall be made at our next annual communication.

Which is submitted by

GEO. ROBINSON,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Edward Eells, John Smith and J. P. Colburn, a committee in pursuance of the report.

Brother Napthali Shaw, 2nd, was duly installed as Grand Senior Deacon for the year ensuing.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to dispensation during the M. W. Grand Master's pleasure, and proceeded in grand procession to the brick meeting-house, and attended to the exercises of the day; then returned to the Lodge and resumed their labors.

Bro. Kellogg introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5821.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon our brother the Grand Chaplain, and present him with the thanks of this Grand

Lodge, together with the sum of twenty dollars, for the excellent sermon which he has this day delivered to the Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted, and Brothers Kellogg, Loomis and Buck, appointed a committee accordingly.

Bro. Loomis introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, A. L. 5821.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish three hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the present and last communication, together with the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the same, and distribute them among the officers of the Grand Lodge, foreign Grand Lodges, and the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in such manner as he shall consider expedient and proper.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee to whom were referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, made report as follows, viz.:

OCTOBER 11, A. L. 5821.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW CONVENED:

Your committee on foreign communications respectfully report: That having examined the documents committed to them, they find them to be proceedings of Grand Lodges, at their annual and other communications and would recommend that we return the civility by forwarding to them the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The committee observe that some of the Grand Lodges have adopted the method of sending to other Grand Lodges the official signatures of the senior officers, which we would recommend to be adopted here, as it would assist in the detection of any spurious documents that might be offered.

The committee also find a communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the subject of a complaint to them from sundry brethren of Aurora Lodge, at Hampton, N. Y., against Morning Star Lodge, at Poultney, Vt., which will be reported on when your committee shall have more fully inquired into the facts.

All which is submitted by

GEO. ROBINSON,
For Committee

Which report was read and accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master, by and with the advice of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following named brethren to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz.:

For District No. 1, Nomlas Cobb, Springfield; 2, Martin Roberts, Manchester; 3, John Bowers, Addison; 4, Gordon Newell, Pittsford; 5, George Robinson, Burlington; 6, Joseph Howes, Montpelier; 7, Joseph D.

Farnsworth, Fairfield; 8, James Keyes, Putney; 9, Napthali Shaw, Bradford: 10, William Howe, Derby.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments, made by himself, for the year ensuing, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Horace Baxter, Grand Marshal; R. W. Lemuel Page, Grand Pursuivant; W. Sylvanus Baldwin, W. Arunah Waterman, W. John Reed, W. Harry Richardson, Grand Stewards; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler.

Bro. Joseph D. Farnsworth introduced the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 11, A. L. 5821.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Northwestern Branch of the American Education Society the sum of ten dollars to constitute the Rev. Joel Clapp a member thereof for life; and also to pay to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society the sum of twenty dollars, to constitute the Rev. Joel Clapp a member thereof for life.

Which was read and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed to report the device of a new seal, be instructed to frame a device for and procure to be engraved a new seal for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Brother James Farnsworth was continued in his appointment as a committee to procure diplomas for the Grand Lodge, and Brother Joseph D. Farnsworth, on motion, was added to the committee.

The account of Brother Wait Branch was presented, and on motion,

Resolved, To allow the same at three dollars, and to instruct the Grand Treasurer to pay said sum.

The committee on foreign communications made a further report, as follows, viz.:

OCTOBER 10th, A. L. 5821.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW CONVENED:

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, relating to certain difficulties existing between brethren of Aurora Lodge, at Hampton, New York, and Morning Star Lodge, at Poultney, Vermont, respectfully report, that so far as they have been able to obtain facts relating to the subject, it appears to your committee that in 1793 a charter was granted to sundry brethren in Hampton and Poultney, by the Grand Lodge of New York, under the name of Aurora Lodge; that in 1807, after the organization of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, it was agreed by said Aurora Lodge to give up their said charter under the Grand Lodge of New York, and take out a charter under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, under the name of Morning Star Lodge, which was

anted to them, and the brethren of Hampton and Poultney harmoniously ntinued to work together under said Vermont charter until within about ree years past, when the brethren of Hampton petitioned for and tained from the Grand Lodge of New York a revival of their old charter ıder the name of Aurora Lodge; since which time, said Aurora Lodge ıve demanded the jewels and funds from said Morning Star Lodge, which ıve been refused. Your committee can devise no method by which said ıfficulties can now be settled, but would recommend to this Grand Lodge ıat the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee of one brother to repair ı said Aurora and Morning Star Lodges, collect the facts and report to this rand Lodge at the next communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MARTIN FIELD,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed brother Phinehas trong a committee for the purposes mentioned in said report.

The committee of finance made the following report, viz.:

'O THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION:

Your committee of finance, having attended to the business of their ppointment, report:

The amount of cash remaining from the last year, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, is		$275 58
The amount of cash received from the Grand Secretary into the Treasury this day is		40 00
Making the amount now in the Grand Treasurer's hands		$315 58
We have allowed the following sums as due from the Grand ,odge, to wit:		
Reuben Lamb's bill for dinner	$56 64	
Grand Steward's bill to D. Baldwin	29 25	
Music bill	3 00	
Grand Tyler's fees	4 00	
Making in the whole		$92 89
Which deducted from the sum now in the Treasury leaves		$222 69
The amount of cash received by the Grand Secretary from the subordinate Lodges at this communication is	$168 00	
The Grand Secretary's account is as follows:		
Paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt	$40 00	
Services, postage, blanks, etc., as per his account exhibited	45 27— 85 27	
Which, deducted, leaves in the Grand Secretary's hands		$82 73
Which balance added to the sum now in the Treasury makes		$305 42

As the present amount of the funds of the Grand Lodge not appropriated.

All which is submitted by

TIM. P. FAY,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following communication.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT:

Be it remembered that at Stockbridge, in the County of Windsor, on the 4th day of May, A. L. 5821, Rural Lodge was by me, with the assistance of the brethren, constituted in ample form, and the officers thereof duly installed.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,
Grand Master.

Brother Benjamin Smith, made the following communication:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT:

In pursuance of an order from the M. W. Grand Master, I repaired to Washington Lodge, No. 21, at Brandon, and in his name demanded of the officers their charter and jewels, which were delivered to me accordingly, and I now have them to be disposed of at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

BENJAMIN SMITH,
Dist. Dep. Gr. Master for Dist. No 4.

OCTOBER, 9, 1821.

Which communication being read, on motion, it was ordered that the jewels of said Lodge be deposited in the Treasury, and the charter laid up in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

And they were delivered over by brother Smith accordingly.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being completed, the same was, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, closed in ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Smith Ballou, May 2, 5821.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—William Murphy, October 25, 5820.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—William Cockman, October 2, 5820.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Micah Haskell, April 2, 5821.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Isaac Pettibone, May 3, 5821.

7, *Morning Star.*—Fay Hyde, April 8, 5821.

3, *Charity.*—Moses K. McAllister, March, 5821; Warren Evans, 21.

1, *St. John's.*—John W. Cushing, May 16, 5821.

3, *Eastern Star.*—Daniel L. Phelps, January 12, 5821.

SUSPENSIONS.

Washington.—Samuel Smith, one communication.

5, *Harmony.*—Elias Colby, July 11, 5821, one year.

', *Meridian Sun.*—Richard Hill, September 12, 5821, two months.

3, *Morning Sun.*—P. D. Cheney, June 27, 5821, indefinitely.

', *Green Mountain.*—Jonathan Atherton, May 10, 5821, indefinitely

), *Temple.*—Daniel Patterson, February, 5821, one year.

RESTORATIONS.

Washington.—Samuel Smith, February 3, 5821.

3, *Newton.*—Wines Hind, February, 5821.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

We, delegates from the several Lodges in the State of Vermont, fully authorized and empowered by our respective Lodges for the purpose, do constitute, ordain and establish the following as the constitution of a Grand Lodge in this State:

That the Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, two Grand Deacons; the Master and Wardens for the time being of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and all Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Stewards and Grand Deacons of the Grand Lodge, and all Past Masters of regular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge, organized as aforesaid, shall be styled and known by the name of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Vermont, independent, and governed by its own Laws."

The Master and Wardens of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, who cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy, which proxy shall have the same number of votes as his constituents, and such proxy shall be a Master Mason.

A Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Friday next preceding the second Thursday of October, annually, at such place as the Legislature shall convene (until the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise, and shall have given three months' notice of such alteration to all the Lodges in this State). But the Grand Master or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master shall have power to convene special Grand Lodges, at such time and place as he shall think fit, not contrary to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge; provided, that at such special Lodges, to be convened after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in October next, no by-law shall be made, altered or repealed.

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, at the stated annual meeting, by the members of the Grand Lodge present; a majority of the votes, either personally or by proxy, shall be necessary to constitute a choice; and the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote, and no other.

and Lodge shall have power to constitute new Lodges, by patents
eal, and the signature of the Grand Master, or, in his absence, the
nd Master for the time being, attested by their Secretary, under
tions as they shall think proper; and to establish an uniform
orking throughout the State; strictly adhering to the ancient
usages and customs of Masonry, which are on no account to be
defaced.

and Lodge shall have power to require, from time to time, from
Lodges under their jurisdiction, such sums of money as they
necessary to be appropriated for the benefit of the craft; which
and appropriation shall be made by two-thirds of the voters
ing as aforesaid at their stated annual meeting only.

of the death, resignation or absence of the acting Grand Master,
cer in rank shall take the chair, and possess all the powers of the
er, during such vacancy or absence, until the next annual elec-

rand Lodge shall have power to make by-laws, and all other
essary and proper to an independent Grand Lodge, not inconsis-
is constitution.

and Lodge shall have power to hear and determine all appeals,
in all disputes between the different Lodges under their jurisdic-

and Lodge, upon granting a Charter incorporating a new Lodge,
d such reasonable fees as they shall establish by their by-laws.

Lodges in this State shall, before the day of the next annual
eposit with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge their present
nd shall receive from the Grand Lodge new Charters, to take pre-
cording to the seniority of their present Charters. The new
all be granted to the present Lodges without expense, excepting
of engrossing, when that shall be done by the Grand Lodge.

onstitution shall be subject to revision and amendment when
on and amendment shall be petitioned for by two-thirds of the
his State, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And when
ons shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of
Master to issue his warrant, directing each Lodge within this
oresaid, to elect their representative, to meet in convention at
nd place as the Grand Lodge shall direct; which convention, when
have full power to revise and amend this constitution, in such
hey shall think will best conduce to the interests of the craft.

elegates present, before they dissolve this convention, shall meet
the officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall, when elected, possess
wers of officers of a Grand Lodge, until the next meeting of this

Grand Lodge, as by this constitution established, and until new officers are chosen in their stead.

Done in convention of all the Lodges in this State, fully authorized and empowered, at Rutland, this fourteenth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and in the year of Masonry 5794.

NATHAN BROWNSON,
President of the Convention, and delegate from North Star Lodge.

STEPHEN JACOB,	*Vermont Lodge.*
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, WILLIAM COOLEY,	*North Star Lodge.*
ENOCH WOODBRIDGE, ROSWELL HOPKINS,	*Dorchester Lodge.*
NOAH SMITH, NATHANIEL BRUSH, DAVID FAY,	*Temple Lodge.*
JOHN CHIPMAN, THOMAS TOLMAN, JOEL LINSLEY,	*Union Lodge.*

Attest,

DAVID FAY,
Secretary.

A true copy from the original.

Attest,

DAVID FAY.
Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

ARTICLE 1. The communications of this Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October annually, at 9 o'clock A. M., at Montpelier, in the County of Washington.

ART. 2. On the first day of the session at 5 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge shall proceed to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and all other business shall cease till the election is fully completed. A majority of all the votes shall be considered necessary to constitute a choice.

ART. 3. No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, who has not been elected to preside in some regular Lodge.

ART. 4. The State of Vermont shall be divided into ten Masonic Districts in manner following, viz.:

The county of Windsor to be denominated the first District, the county of Bennington the 2nd, the county of Addison the 3rd, the county of Rutland the 4th, the county of Chittenden the 5th, the county of Caledonia the 6th, the counties of Franklin and Grand Isle the 7th, the county of Windham the 8th, the county of Orange the 9th, and the counties of Orleans and Essex the 10th District. And it shall be the duty of the M. W. G. Master, by and with the advice of the Grand Lodge, at the annual communications, to appoint and commission in each of the said Districts an Assistant Deputy, whose duty it shall be at least once in each year to visit and instruct in the mysteries of Masonry all the Lodges in his District; to install new Lodges, if requested, or directed by proper authority, and make report of the state of the several Lodges in his District to the Grand Lodge at their annual communications; and for their services they shall receive two dollars per day, with necessary expenses, from the several Lodges they may visit.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master annually to appoint a Grand Chaplain, Stewards, Marshal, Sword Bearers, Pursuivant, and Tylers.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Grand Lodge personally to attend the annual communications, and of the Secular Lodges under its jurisdiction to attend by their Masters and Wardens, or the proxies of those officers, which proxies shall have the jewels of the officers whom they represent, together with certificates of their appointment (which certificates shall be in the form annexed, marked A.—See appendix), and also to transmit

to the Grand Secretary at the same time regular returns of the names of their officers, and the persons whom they have initiated, passed, and raised, together with one dollar for every entered apprentice made in their several Lodges since the annual communication of the Grand Lodge (which returns shall be in the form annexed, marked B.—See appendix); and if any Lodge shall neglect to send a proper person as representative, make due returns, and pay such dues for two annual successive communications of this Grand Lodge, they shall be struck off the Grand Lodge books, their charter being forfeited. But on proper application to the Grand Lodge, payment of dues, and making due returns, they may be restored to their former rank and privileges, if the Grand Lodge shall judge proper.

ART. 7. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer and without debate.

ART. 8. A majority of the members present shall determine all questions, the presiding officer to have a casting vote, and no other.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, proper to be written, receive and collect all monies due to the Grand Lodge, pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, and keep a regular account of the same, and to communicate to the several Grand Lodges within the United States, and to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, such matters as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time require; and shall receive from the funds of this Grand Lodge as a compensation for his services, the sum of $25 per year, and $5 for his assistant.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all monies from the Grand Secretary, keep a regular account of the same, and pay them out to the order of the Grand Master, with the consent of the Lodge, and account therefor at every annual communication, and oftener, if required.

ART. 11. No charter shall be granted for the formation of a Lodge but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated, which petition shall be accompanied by the approbation of the District Deputy and two-thirds of the Lodges in the Masonic District wherein the new Lodge is to be holden.

ART. 12. For every charter for the formation of a new Lodge, shall be paid into the Grand Treasury twenty-five dollars, and ten dollars to the Grand Secretary.

ART. 13. Every charge brought before this Grand Lodge against any member thereof shall be made in writing, and the member so charged shall be furnished with a copy thereof by the Grand Secretary. And any brother suspended or expelled from this Grand Lodge shall by virtue of such

expulsion or suspension, be excluded all the priviliges of masonry throughout its jurisdiction, while under such sentence.

ART. 14. No brother can be proxy for or represent more than one lodge at the same time, nor can he vote as such proxy, if the person or persons whom he represents be present.

ART. 15. Upon the demise of any lodge within or under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of such lodge shall, within twelve months afterwards, surrender to the Grand Secretary all books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture thereof, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 16. The Grand Secretary may appoint a deputy or deputies with the approbation of the Grand Lodge; but they shall not be considered as members, nor admitted to vote.

ART. 17. The jewels of the Grand Lodge shall be gilt with gold; the collars purple, trimmed with gold; the aprons white, and the members from the secular Lodges shall wear their respective sashes and jewels.

ART. 18. All committees of the Grand Lodge shall be nominated by the presiding officer, unless it should be thought desirable that the presiding officer should himself be one; in such case any member may have the privilege of nominating him.

ART. 19. No brother shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, except he be a member, without special invitation of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Wardens.

ART. 20. No brother, after having taken his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be permitted to leave without asking for and obtaining permission by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 21. At the commencement of every session of the Grand Lodge a committee of charity shall be appointed, to whom all petitions for charitable assistance shall be referred.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. Each lodge within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a transcript of the proceedings of such lodge, wherein any member is suspended or expelled, or wherein any person's petition to be initiated has been rejected; and the Grand Secretary shall, as soon as may be, communicate the same to each lodge within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; but no rescinding vote shall be taken in any Lodge wherein a candidate has been rejected, after a decision has been duly declared by the presiding officer.

ART. 2. When any person is proposed to be made a Mason who resides in another town where a Lodge is holden, or nearer any regular Lodge than that in which he is proposed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to write to such other Lodge, to know if they have ever refused him

admission, and if they know any just and lawful reason why he ought not to be made a Mason; and to their report, due weight and consideration ought to be given.

ART. 3. No apprentice or craft initiated or passed in any Lodge within the United States, shall be passed or raised in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, other than that in which he was initiated, unless he has a written recommendation from the Lodge in which he was initiated or passed.

ART. 4. No person shall be initiated at the same meeting of the Lodge at which his petition is presented, or passed at the same meeting he is initiated, or raised the same meeting he is passed, that the members may have time to be fully satisfied as to the character of the candidate.

ART. 5. The fees for initiating a candidate into the first degree of Masonry shall not be less than ten dollars, for passing two, and for raising three dollars.

ART. 6. No Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter take notes of hand for initiating, passing or raising fees, or grant any time of credit therefor. All such fees shall be paid to said Lodge at the time any candidate shall receive the degree.

ART. 7. In future, no petition for the removal of a Lodge from the place where it is located shall be sustained in Grand Lodge unless such petition be sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where such Lodge is situated, and the approbation of the Lodge nearest the place where the said Lodge is intended to be held, the same being signified in writing to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 8. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a Lodge shall be initiated in any other Lodge than the one to which he first applied, without a recommendation from six members of said Lodge, of whom the Master and Wardens shall be three. And if any Mason knowingly assist or recommend for initiation, to any Lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, who may not have obtained a recommendation as is before provided, such Mason shall be expelled from or be debarred the privileges of the institution.

ART. 9. When any member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be expelled, such expulsion shall be by the Secretary of such Lodge caused to be published in some newspaper in this State, with a request to the printers in the United States to insert the same in their respective papers.

ART. 10. No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same tine; and a brother who has been a member of any Lodge in the United States cannot be admitted a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, without first producing a regular dismission from such Lodge, with a certificate of his good standing, and that he has paid all dues to that Lodge.

ART. 11. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, can propose or recommend a candidate for the honors of Masonry, or vote for their admission, passing or raising, or vote for the admission of members.

ART. 12. Each secular Lodge, within and under this jurisdiction, shall have power to hear and determine all disputes between its own members; to suspend and expel with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present; and if any member expelled apply for restoration, he shall be restored only by an unanimous ballot; but in case of suspension, only two-thirds may be restore. Provided, that all complaints shall be entered, and the member thereof notified, one stated communication previous to any vote against him, and the like notice in case of a petition for restoration: And from this decision there shall be no appeal.

ART. 13. The Grand Master has full right and authority not only to be present, but to preside in every Lodge under this jurisdiction, with the Master at his left hand.

ART. 14. Every Lodge has an inherent right to make by-laws and regulations for their own government and concerns. *Provided always:* That such laws and regulations are conformable to the principles of the order and usages of Masons, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

ART. 15. It may be considered the duty of the several Masters of the secular Lodges under this jurisdiction, whenever a member of any Lodge over which he may preside shall neglect to attend the Lodge of which he is a member for more than three successive regular communications, to summon such member to attend and show cause if any he has, why he should not be expelled, suspended or otherwise dealt with.

ART. 16. Every Lodge may exercise all the right of discipline over Masons not members thereof who reside in the immediate vicinity of such Lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons while resident in the vicinity of such lodge.

ART. 17. No funeral procession can be allowed without leave of the presiding officer of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, and no one can be entitled to this honor unless he be a Master Mason in regular standing. Nevertheless a stranger may be honored with a funeral procession (if a Master Mason) by any Lodge, if they judge proper.

Plain white aprons, with white gloves and white stockings, are proper to be worn at funerals.

ART. 18. Whenever a member of any secular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall have been expelled, be afterwards restored to his former standing in the Lodge, it shall be the duty of such Lodge to cause such restoration to be published in some newspaper in this State, with a request to the printers in the United States to insert the same in their respective papers.

APPENDIX.

A.

I, A. B., Master of ——— Lodge, No. ——, do hereby appoint Brother C. D. my representative in the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and in token thereof have sent my jewel, empowering him to act in my behalf, and hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever he may see cause to do in said capacity.

Given under my hand at ——— the ——— day of ——— A. L., 58

A. B., Master of ——— Lodge.

B.

Return to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Vermont of all those who have been initiated, passed or raised, in ——— Lodge, No.— from the —— day of ——— A. L. 58— to the —— day of ———, A. L. 58— of which Lodge A. B. is Master; C. D. Senior Warden; and E. F. Junior Warden.

Names.	Place of Abode.	When Initiated.	Fees to Grand Lodge.	When passed Fellow Crafts.	When raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason.	Suspended, expelled, or otherwise dealt with.

D. Lodge, No.——— A. L.

A. B., Secretary.

1822.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened Masons' Hall in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second ursday of October, A. L. 5822, being the 9th day of said month. After ayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

PRESENT.

- W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Grand Master.
-- W. GEORGE ROBINSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. SILAS BOWEN,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. LELAND HOWARD,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. DANIEL BALDWIN,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. LEMUEL PAGE,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. REUBEN KIBBEE,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JONATHAN EDDY,	Grand Tyler.
R. W. and Rev. JOEL CLAPP,	Grand Chaplain.
W. SYLVANUS BALDWIN, W. ARAUNAH WATERMAN, W. JOHN REED, W. HARRY RICHARDSON,	Grand Stewards.

The returns from the subordinate Lodges being called for, the following named brethren presented their credentials and returns from their respective Lodges and took seats as members of this Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Leland Howard, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Samuel Wilson, S. W.; Philip C. Tucker, J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—John Hacket, S. W. and proxy for M.; Jonathan Hagar, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Not represented.

No. 7, *Washington.*—N. B. Haswell, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Joseph Howes, M.; Chester Nye, S. W.; J. Owen, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Asahel Langworthy, M.; William Bridges, S. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Asa Keyes, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Calvin Jewett, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. No dues.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Jacob K. Parish, M.; Zebulon P. Burnham, S. W.; Cornelius Lynd, J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Phinehas White, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Timothy Stanley, S. W. No dues.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—John Bowers, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Barnabas Ellis, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Joel Clapp, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Suspended.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Jasper Hazen, S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Daniel Wyman, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Luther B. Hunt, proxy for M.; Zerah Willoby, proxy for S. W.; Stratton B. Hunt, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Jona. S. Clark, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 29, *Tabernacle.*—Lodowick Stanton, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Nomlas Cobb, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Napthali Shaw, 2nd, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Lemuel Whitney, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—George E. Wales, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Charles Meigs, proxy for M. Dues paid, $2.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Penuel Leavens, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 39, *Social.*—John Roberts, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues aid, $1.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Barnard Ketchum, proxy for M. and J. W.; ames O. Walker, proxy for S. W. No dues.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Elisha Hopkins, J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Silas Bowen, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram's.*—Timothy Dolbear, S. W., and proxy for M. Dues paid, $2.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Martin Roberts, M., and proxy for S. W.; Leonard argeant, J. W. Dues paid, $8.

No. 47, *Central.*—Peter R. Taft, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Nathaniel Rix, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $23.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Albigence Pierce, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Ira Hill, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues aid, $11.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Asa Partridge, proxy for M., and J. W. Dues paid, 6.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—John Hardin, M.; Jairus Stebbins, proxy for W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Nathaniel Healy, S. W., and proxy for M. nd J. W. Dues paid, $4.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Frederick Richardson, S. W. and proxy for M.; alvin Sartts, J. W. Dues paid, $4.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Roswell Butler, proxy for M.; William Wood, roxy for S. W. Dues paid, $17.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—John M. Dewey, M. Dues paid, $4.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Howes, Stanley, and Hopkins to be a committee of charity.

The petition of Stephen Pettes was read and referred to a committee of aree; and the petition of Washington Lodge, No. 21, was read and referred o the committee to be raised on petitions for new Lodges. Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, with certain resolutions of a meeting of rethren at the Capitol in Washington, on the subject of forming a general Grand Lodge, were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to a ommittee consisting of Brothers Robinson, M. Roberts and Willoby.

The Grand Lodge called off till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M. The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

Columbus Lodge, No. 50, paid $5 in full for balance due the Grand Lodge for charter fees.

On the petition of Stephen Pettes, Brothers Ketchum, Stebbins and Walker were appointed a committee. On petitions for new Lodges, Brothers Langworthy, Haswell and Jewett were appointed a committee. On the committee of finance, Brothers Wales, Parish and Sargeant were appointed.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters were then called on, and made report of the state of the several Lodges in their respective districts.

The petition of Meridian Sun Lodge was read and referred to the committee raised on petitions for new Lodges.

The memorial of Brother Wait Branch was read and referred to the committee of finance.

The committee appointed at the last Grand communication to visit Independence Lodge at Orwel, made the following report, viz.:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, to be Convened at Montpelier, on Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5822.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to attend to certain difficulties existing in Independence Lodge at Orwell, beg leave to report: That according to previous appointment they met said Lodge at Bro. Willis Abel's, in said Orwell, on the 27th of December, 5821, and proceeded to attend to the business for which they were appointed. The principal cause of the existing difficulties appeared to be the removal of the Lodge from the house of Bro. Willis Abel, in the east part of Orwell, to Mr. Boyington's, near the meeting house, a distance of almost four miles, on a due west course from where the Lodge was first established. This removal, and the manner in which it took place (being simply by one vote and that an entered apprentice) was the cause of the memorial to the last Grand Lodge. It was conceded by all that the Lodge was first located in the east part of Orwell, and that for their better accommodation a number of worthy brethren left their own Lodges to unite with this Lodge; that had the Lodge been first established at Bro. Boyington's it would not have been their wish to have left their own Lodges, to join the Lodge in Orwell; that for several years the Lodge had continued its labors at Bro. Abel's, but some time before the sitting of the last Grand Lodge, by a single vote of one in the majority, the Lodge was removed as above stated.

The committee found the Lodge nearly equally divided in their wishes respecting the places of meeting.

Those in favor of the removal contended that the motion was carried fairly, because it was mentioned at a previous meeting, that at that time the sense of the Lodge would be taken on that subject; and although the vote

was carried by an entered apprentice, yet in some instances apprentices had been permitted to vote, and they saw no reason why they might not vote on this question.

Those opposed to the removal contended, that, though apprentices had been permitted by said Lodge to vote in some cases, yet, in a question which so deeply affected the feelings and interests of the brethren, they ought to have been excluded from voting. It appeared further to the committee, that when the Lodge was first established in Orwell, there was no suitable room in which the brethren could convene; that Bro. Abel, having it in contemplation to build, did actually, at some considerable inconvenience to himself, build one year sooner than he otherwise would have done, in order to accommodate the Lodge; and although this was not done at the request of the Lodge, but at the suggestion of a number of the brethren, yet those opposed to the removal were of opinion that it was not doing justice to Bro. Abel, so soon to take the Lodge from his house. In favor of removal it was further urged that Bro. Boyington's, in consequence of great accessions to the Lodge from the west, and few comparatively from the east, had become nearly the centre of the Lodge. Your committee, after hearing all the arguments for and against the removal, unanimously came to the following resolution, and did recommend it to said Lodge, to hold their future meetings at Bro. Abel's and Mr. Boyington's one year in each place, to commence at Bro. Abel's on the first day of January, 5822, as that was their next regular communication. The committee were happy to find that the brethren opposed to the removal manifested their entire satisfaction with the decision, and it would have afforded the committee much gratification had corresponding feelings been manifested by the brethren from the west part of the Lodge. While the committee have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duty, and to recommend a course the most likely to restore harmony to that beloved branch of the Masonic family, should it not have this effect. it will be to them a source of the deepest regret.

For and in behalf of the committee,

EDWARD EELLS.

Which report was read and accepted.

The District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5 made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge, October 8, 5822:

It is represented that a Lodge was established at Milton, by the name of Seneca Lodge, and a dispensation granted by the Deputy Grand Master to the brethren petitioning, agreeably to the vote of the Grand Lodge, until their charter should be received, and that the brethren of said Lodge have since worked under said dispensation; that after receiving their charter, the Master named therein resigned his office, and another was chosen Master of said Lodge. The said Lodge has not been installed in consequence of the

alteration of their officers, but is represented in this Grand Lodge. It is requested by the said Lodge and by the District Deputy that the Grand Lodge take such measures in the premises as will enable said Lodge to be installed under its present officers as returned to this Grand Lodge.

GEO. ROBINSON,
District Deputy.

Which communication was read and referred to the committee for new Lodges.

On motion, resolved to dispense with the by-law requiring the Grand Lodge to proceed to the election of officers at 5 o'clock.

And on motion, resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of officers for the year ensuing.

Bros. Stanton, Cobb and Wilson were appointed tellers. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, when the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the M. W. Lemuel Whitney was elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, and who declined accepting the appointment. The Grand Lodge proceeded in the election of Grand Officers, when the following named brethren were declared duly elected to the offices affixed to their names, respectively, viz. :

M. W. George Robinson, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. Phinehas White, of Putney,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. Silas Bowen, of Cavendish,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. George E. Wales, of Hartford,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck, of Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Napthali Shaw, 2d, of Bradford,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

October 10, A. L. 5822, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Isle of Patmos Lodge paid $25 in full for fees to the Grand Lodge, for their charter.

The Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing were duly installed.

On the nomination of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge appointed the following named brethren District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz. :

For District No. 1, Nomlas Cobb, of Springfield; 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester: 3, John Bowers, of Addison; 4, John P. Colburn, of West

Haven; 5, Joel Clapp, of Shelburn; 6, Joseph Howes, of Montpelier; 7, Joseph D. Farnsworth, of Fairfield; 8, James Keyes, of Putney; 9, Napthali Shaw, 2d, of Bradford; 10, William Howe, of Derby.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, to wit:

R. W. and Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain: R. W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer: R. W. James Farnsworth, Grand Marshal; R. W. Lemuel Page, Grand Pursuivant: W. Sylvanus Baldwin, W. Araunah Waterman, W. John Reed, W. Harry Richardson, Grand Stewards; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was called to dispensation for the purpose of attending the public exercises of the day.

Four o'clock, P. M. The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor. Masonic Union Lodge paid $25 in full for fees to the Grand Lodge for their Charter.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Washington Lodge, No. 21, at Brandon, praying that the Charter of said Lodge may be restored or a new Lodge constituted, made report, that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the Charter and Jewels of Washington Lodge be restored to said Lodge, and said Lodge be permitted to resume its labors. And it being understood that said Charter while in the archives of the Grand Lodge has been burned, the Grand Secretary is authorized to issue at the expense of said Washington Lodge an exemplification of the record of the same, duly certified. which shall to all intents and purposes be equally valid as the original Charter.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, in relation to Seneca Lodge, made the following report thereon, viz.:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, NOW SITTING:

Your committee to whom was referred the within communication, recommend that the officers now presiding in said Lodge be installed; that this Grand Lodge accept of the returns made by said Lodge, and confirm the proceedings of the same.

Respectfully submitted by

A. LANGWORTHY,
For Committee,

OCTOBER 10, 5822.

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee of finance to whom was referred the petition of Br. Wait Branch, praying that the Grand Lodge would redeem a five dollar counterfeit bill, alleged to have been received from the funds of the Grand Lodge, made the following report thereon, viz.:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session:

The committee of finance to whom the within petition of Brother Wait Branch was referred, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and are not satisfied from a perusal of said memorial, or from any information they have been able to procure, that the five dollar bill alluded to was ever received from the funds of the Grand Lodge by Brother Branch. They therefore recommend that nothing further be done on the subject by the Grand Lodge.

Which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WALES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom the petition of Stephen Pettes was referred made report, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

Which report was read and rejected, and the petition dismissed.

The Grand Secretary introduced the following resolution:

In Grand Lodge, October 10, 5822.

Whereas, King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter and Aurora Lodge, No. 9, situated in Montpelier, have, since the sessions of the Grand Lodge have been held in Montpelier, generously accommodatedthe Grand Lodge with the occupancy of their Lodge room, furniture, etc.; and whereas, it is expected that the sessions of the Grand Lodge will hereafter be held at Montpelier, and that the Masons' Hall in said town, lately erected by the Chapter and Lodge therein, will continue to be used by the Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to the committee appointed by said Chapter and Lodge to superintend the building of said Hall, the sum of ——— hundred dollars, to be by them appropriated to defray the expenses which have accrued, and may hereafter accrue, in the erection, decoration and furnishing said Hall.

Which resolution was read and a motion made to fill the blank therein with the word "three," and decided in the negative. The blank was then filled by vote of the Grand Lodge with the word "two," and the resolution adopted.

Brother Whitney introduced the following resolution:

In Grand Lodge, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the 21st Article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, directing the appointment of a committee of charity, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was read and adopted.

Brother Wales introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the Rev. Joel Clapp twenty dollars for his services as Grand Chaplain the present session of the Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

In pursuance of the report of the committee on the petition of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 17, Brother Stanley introduced the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 17, be removed from Hardwick to Craftsbury, there to hold their communications until the further order of this Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge are deeply impressed with a sense of the prudence, fidelity and skill with which our R. W. Past Grand Master the Hon. Lemuel Whitney has for four years past discharged the duties of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge; and that this Grand Lodge for themselves and the craft at large, tender to our R. W. Brother their hearty and sincere thanks for his services as beneficial to this Grand Lodge and to the Masonic Fraternity.

Which was read and adopted, and the R. W. Past Grand Master made the following reply;

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN:

Accept my most sincere thanks for the vote you have been pleased to pass, approving my conduct in the chair. Be assured, brethren, that in the discharge of my official duty, it was my constant endeavor to do equal right and justice to all the Lodges and brethren; and the highest gratification I can now receive is your approbation.

The petition of King David's Lodge, No. 55, praying for a removal to Stowe, was read and referred to the committee raised on petitions for new Lodges.

The following resolution was introduced, read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay Bro. Edward Eells three dollars as a compensation for his services in visiting Washington Lodge, No. 21, at Brandon, and attending to the complaint of Bros. John Chipman and J. M. Weeks against said Lodge.

Bro. Langworthy exhibited and filed the following complaint, viz. :

Asahel Langworthy, a member of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, complains of Columbus Lodge, and charges them with a violation of Masonic principles in depriving Stephen Pettes, a member of said Lodge, of the benefits resulting from said institution. He therefore prays that the Grand Lodge will inquire into the conduct of said Lodge, and take such measures as they may deem proper.

A. LANGWORTHY.

OCTOBER 10, A. L. 5822.

Which complaint being read was referred to a committee of three, to wit: Bros. J. D. Farnsworth, Samuel Weed and Luther B. Hunt, to report thereon at the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, and certain resolutions of a meeting of brethren, holden at the capitol in Washington city, on the subject of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, made the following report:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE:

The committee to whom was referred communications from foreign Grand Lodges, &c., respectfully report, that on examination, we find that they relate to the ordinary transactions and proceedings of said Grand Lodges generally. Your committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the subject of the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, to be locatedat the seat of the General Government, have given it a thorough examination and after mature deliberation are unable to discover any beneficial effects that would result to the fraternity, and numerous reasons might, in the opinion of your committee, be offered in opposition to this Grand Lodge giving its assent and support to the formation of the proposed General Grand Lodge. Therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz. :

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to give its aid in the formation of the proposed General Grand Lodge, recommended by our masonic brethren at the city of Washington, pursuant to notice given on the 9th day of March, 1822.

All which is submitted.

GEORGE ROBINSON,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The same committee reported the following resolution for adoption, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 10, 5822.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed upon the election of officers of this Grand Lodge to transmit to foreign Grand Lodges, in

correspondence with this Grand Lodge, a printed list of the officers of the same, together with their sign manual, with a request that other Grand Lodges return similar documents.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of King David's Lodge made the following report:

To THE M. W. GRAND LODGE:

Your committee to whom was referred the within petition, report that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That King David's Lodge, No. 55, be removed from Waterbury to Stowe, there to hold their communications until further order from this Grand Lodge.

A. LANGWORTHY,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Bro. Haswell introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, for his excellent Masonic discourse delivered this day.

Which was read and adopted.

Bro. Jewett introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary do make a request of Brother Seth Storrs, late Grand Treasurer, that he pay over the monies that are in his hands, or render satisfactory account of the monies supposed to be in his hands.

And be it further resolved, That on the Grand Secretary duly notifying Bro. Storrs to attend to the foregoing subject, and he not attending to it, or not rendering satisfactory account within three months from such request, the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to issue a summons to Bro. Seth Storrs to appear before the Grand Lodge at their next regular communication and shew cause why he should not be expelled, suspended, or otherwise dealt with.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

Bro. Whitney introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of and recommend Bro. John Bowers as a Lecturer, to be employed by subordinate Lodges, under this

jurisdiction, as their occasions may require; and that the first four officers of this Grand Lodge be authorized and requested to deliver to Bro. Bowers proper evidences of this recommendation under their hands.

The committee on finance made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz.:

To THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION:

The committee of finance having attended to the business of their appointment, make the following report:

That there is due from Brother Loomis, Past Grand Treasurer, as per his account herewith submitted			$131 59
That there is paid into the Treasury this day by Grand Secretary			200 00
Amount now in the hands of Past Grand Treasurer and Grand Treasurer			$331 59
The amount received by the Grand Secretary from subordinate Lodges this communication is		$225 00	
Balance in Grand Secretary's hands per last year's report		82 73	
Cash received from Columbus Lodge		5 00	
Cash received from Isle of Patmos Lodge		25 00	
Cash received from Masonic Union Lodge		25 00	
		$362 73	
The Grand Secretary's account is as follows:			
Cash paid Grand Treasurer as per account	$50 00		
Cash paid Assistant Grand Secretary, October, 1821	5 00		
Cash paid Assistant Grand Secretary this communication	5 00		
One year's service as Grand Secretary	25 00		
Transcribing manuscripts for publication	12 00		
Postage	15 41		
One quire paper for use of Grand Secretary	25		
One hundred office wafers	75		
Cash paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt	200 00—	313 41	
Leaving in Grand Secretary's hands		$49 32	
The committee have allowed the Grand Stewards' account as follows viz.:			
Paid W. I. Cadwell & Sons' bill		$32 62	
One quire paper		25	
C. W. Houghton's bill for dinners		54 25	
Making		$87 12	

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Brother J. Loomis's hands	$131 59
Amount in Grand Treasurer's hands	200 00
Amount in Grand Secretary's hands	49 32
	$380 91
Deduct amount allowed Grand Stewards	87 12
Leaves the present funds of the Grand Lodge	$293 79

All which is submitted by

GEO. E. WALES,
For Committee.

Brother Haswell introduced the following resolution.

IN GRAND LODGE, October 10, A. L. 5822.

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary shall hereafter be authorized to charge the following fees, as a compensation for affixing his official signature to such diplomas or certificates as may issue under authority of the same, viz.:

For any number less than 20, 6 cents each.

For any number over 20, and not exceeding 50, 4 cents each.

For any number over 50, 3 cents each.

Which fees shall be paid by the secular Lodge, or individual owning the certificate.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed to procure diplomas be continued in said appointment.

The following communication was received and read.

TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS COMPOSING THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS NOW CONVENED AT MONTPELIER:

George Robinson, Deputy Grand Master, present the following report:

Agreeably to the order of the M. W. Grand Master, I attended at Essex on the 27th day of December, A. L. 5821, and installed MacDonough Lodge in due form, and dedicated their Lodge Room.

On the 5th day of February, A. L. 5822, at the request of the W. Master and brethren of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, at St. Albans, I attended and dedicated their Lodge room in due form.

On the 7th day of February, A. L. 5822, agreeably to order of the M. W. Grand Master, I attended at South Hero, and installed Isle of Patmos Lodge in due form.

On the 7th day of October, A. L. 5822, agreeably to order of the M. W. Grand Master, I attended at Waterbury, and installed King David's Lodge in due form.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE ROBINSON.

October 8th, 5822.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being completed, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS, RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 5, *Union.*—Theophilus Caper, Jr., March 5th, A. L. 5821; Jabez Pember, March 4th, A. L. 5822; James O. Keefe, June 4th, A. L. 5821.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—George Allen, April 8th, A. L. 5822.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Willis Hall, March 15th, A. L. 5821.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Daniel Hazeltine, Jr., March 7th, A. L. 5822.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Thomas Barrett, July 16th, A. L. 5821.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Daniel Patterson, January 7th, A. L. 5822.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Clement Eddy, June 3d, A. L. 5822.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Stephen Pettes, April 26, A. L. 5822, for 18 months.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Samuel Smith, March 6, A. L. 5822, for three communications.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Samuel Smith, July 31, A. L. 5822.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1823.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Mason's Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October, A. L. 5823, it being the 7th day of said month.

After prayers the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

PRESENT.

M. W. George Robinson,	Grand Master.
R. W. Phinehas White,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Joseph D. Farnsworth,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. George E. Wales,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Daniel Baldwin,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R. W. Samuel Goss,	Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem*
R. W. Napthali Shaw. 2nd,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Reuben Kibbee,	Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Jonathan Eddy,	Grand Tyler.
W. Sylvanus Baldwin, W. Araunah Waterman, W. John Reed, W. Harry Richardson,	Grand Stewards.

The returns from the subordinate Lodges being called for, the following named brethren presented their credentials and returns from their respective Lodges, and took their seats as members of this Grand Lodge, viz. :

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Not represented.

No. 2, *North Star.*—Not represented.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Asa Strong, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 4.—Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Asahel Persons, M.; John Houghton, S. W.; Jabez L. Carpenter, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Jona. C. Thrall, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid for two years, $7.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Nathan B. Haswell, M., and proxy for S. W.; J. L. Sawyer, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Jared Francis, proxy for M., S. and W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Chester Nye, M.; J. Poor, S. W.; Ira Owen, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Asahel Langworthy, M; James Mason, proxy for S. W.; J. M. Allen, J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 11. *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Z. Lyon, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—A. Keyes, Jr., S. W.,and proxy for M.; Benjamin Ormsbee, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Z. P. Barnham, M.; C. Lynde, S. W.; E. Carpenter, J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Jonathan Robinson, proxy for M,, S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Augustus Young, M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Paris Fletcher, proxy for S. W.; Calvin Solace, J. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—M. Hinsdale, M.,and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—B. Davenport, M.; Isaac Whiton, S. W., and proxy for J. Warden. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Moses T. Colby, proxy for M., S. and J. Warden. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Norman Williams, proxy for M., and J. Warden. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Joel Tinker, M.; Thomas Winslow, S. W.; John Stearns, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—L. B. Hunt, proxy for S. W.; L. R. Burnham, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Samuel Martin, proxy for M. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Benjamin Cozzens, M., John F. Austin, S. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 29, *Tabernacle*—Not represented.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—A. Eggleston, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3,00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—J. Duncan, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 33, *Charity.*—N. Shaw, 2d, proxy for M. Dues paid, $3.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—L. Whitney, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—George E. Wales, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—John Warren, proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—A. Smith, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Not represented.

No. 39, *Social.*—Not represented.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Lyman Fitch, proxy for M.; Israel H. Smith, proxy for S. W.; Frederick Hovey, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Benoni Buck, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Daniel Kellogg, proxy for M.; Dana Miller, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $8.

No. 45, *King Hiram's.*—H. B. Peabody, proxy for M.; Timothy Dolbear, proxy for S. W. No dues.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Asa Thatcher, J., proxy for M. No returns.

No. 47, *Central.*—Timothy Burton, S. W., and proxy for M., and J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Samuel Kidder, M., and proxy for S. W.; Josiah Carpenter, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Joseph M. Mott, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Frederick Button, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Mason P. Mills, proxy for M. Dues paid, $4.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Jairus Stebbins, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Nathaniel Healy, proxy for M., and J. W. Dues paid, $5.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Roderick Phelps, M.; Frederick Richardson, S. W.; Amos Crosby, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—J. D. Farnsworth, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Not represented.

No. 58, *Chittenden.*—Working by dispensation. Simon Lee, J. W. Dues paid, $4.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

Brothers White, Haight and Haswell, on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

Brothers Keyes, Hunt and Shaw, on claims.

Brothers Z. Willoby, M. Roberts, Fitch, Jonathan Robinson and Howes, on petitions for new Lodges.

Brothers Sargeant, Sawyer and Stearns, on finance.

The account of Brother J. D. Huntington was presented and referred to the committee on claims.

The petition of Brother Seth Storrs praying to be discharged from the payment of a balance due the Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The petition of Brother Isaac Tichenor, and others, praying for the grant of a new Lodge at Bennington, by the name of Mount Anthony, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M. The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of Brother Martin Chittenden and others, praying for the Grant of a new Lodge at Williston, under the name of Chittenden; and the petition of sundry brethren of Federal Lodge, praying for a removal of said Lodge from Brookfield to Randolph, were read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The petition of Adoniram Lodge praying that the restriction by which they are prohibited from holding communications in Manchester, South of Christopher Roberts' dwelling house, may be removed, was read and referred to a select committee, viz.: Brothers J. D. Farnsworth, Wales and Waterman.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Brother Langworthy against Columbus Lodge, presented at the last Grand communication, made thereon the following report, viz.:

That on investigation of the charges exhibited against Columbus Lodge, we are of opinion that the Lodge did violate the principles of Masonry in suspending and excluding Brother Stephen Pettes from the privileges of Masonry; that, at the time of the suspension, the Lodge acted precipitately and without that decorum which becomes a band of brothers. We do not take it upon us to justify or condemn the conduct of brother Pettes, but think him improperly suspended, and that by reason of said suspension brother Pettes has been put to considerable trouble and expense.

All which is submitted by

J. D. FARNSWORTH,
SAMUEL WEED,
LUTHER B. HUNT, } *Committee.*

Which report was read and referred, with the accompanying documents, to a committee of three, viz: Brothers Wales, Colburn and Miller.

The remonstrance of sundry brethren of Union Lodge, against certain

regularities of said Lodge, was read and referred to a committee, to wit: Brothers White, Willoby, Shaw, C. Lynde and Kibbee.

The following resolutions of Franklin Lodge were read, viz.:

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 10, Special Com., October 3, A. L. 5823.

Resolved. That it is expedient to adopt some measures to disseminate hat Great Light in Masonry, the Holy Bible, among destitute Lodges uninformed brethren in Palestine and other countries of Asia Minor.

Voted, That the sum of one dollar of the fees received for every nitiation; one-fourth of a dollar of the fees received for every passing, and nd one-fourth of a dollar of the fees received for every raising during the pace of two years from this day be appropriated to carry into effect the bject embraced in the preceding resolution.

Voted, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the proceedings to the M. W. Grand Lodge at their next annual communication.

Which resolutions were referred to a committee of three, viz.: Brothers . D. Farnsworth, Miller and Haight.

On motion it was resolved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the lection of Grand Officers for the year ensuing.

Brothers Roberts, Willoby and J. Robinson were appointed tellers.

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, the following named rethren were declared elected to the several offices affixed to their respective ames, viz.:

M. W. GEORGE ROBINSON, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHINEHAS WHITE, of Putney,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES, of Hartford,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d, of Bradford,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK, of Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Burlington,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. LUTHER B. HUNT, of Fairfax,	Grand Junior Deacon,

On motion of Bro. Whitney, Br. Daniel Baldwin was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

Bro. Whitney introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to procure for the use of his Grand Lodge a Square and Compasses, to be gilt with gold, and of a ize suitable to comport with the Jewels of this Grand Lodge, and pay for he same out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 8, A. L. 5823, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

King David's Lodge, No. 55, paid $10 in part for fees due the Grand Lodge for their charter.

The M. W. G. Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Martin Roberts, Grand Marshal; W. Asa Strong, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler.

The District Duputy Grand Masters for Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 made report of the state of the Lodges in their respective Districts.

The committee to whom were referred certain resolutions of Franklin Lodge, made the following report thereon, viz.:

To the Grand Lodge of Vermont, now in session:

Your committee to whom the subject embraced in the within communication from Franklin Lodge was referred, report: That while we highly approve the object and appreciate the motives of the Lodge, still from the very imperfect knowledge which we are at this time able to obtain of the situation of Palestine and its inhabitants which it contemplates assisting, we would recommend that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the next session of the Grand Lodge: and that in the meantime the Grand Secretary be requested, by corresponding with Bro. Fisk, now a missionary in that country, and such masonic bodies in the United States as have given assistance in supporting the same, to obtain more perfect information on the subject.

All which is submitted by

J. D. FARNSWORTH,
For Committee.

Which report being read, was concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Adoniram Lodge, made the following report thereon, viz.:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont:

Your committee to whom the consideration of the within petition was referred, would report: That the petitioners have not complied with the ordinances of the Grand Lodge which require that they should have the approbation of the District Deputy Grand Master and of the Lodge nearest to which they would remove. Notwithstanding there appear to be merits in their petition, it would be improper to take any order on the subject at this time.

J. D. FARNSWORTH,
For Committee.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing were duly installed.

The petition of the officers and brethren of King Hiram's Lodge, praying

that said Lodge may be removed from Waitsfield to Warren, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The following resolution was introduced, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, OCT. 8, 5823.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be directed to pay to Bro. Wait Branch five dollars and sixty cents, which said sum said Branch claims of this Grand Lodge in consequence of services done for said Lodge to the amount of three dollars which was allowed in Grand Lodge, Oct., 1821, and the other two dollars was change paid by said Branch to the Grand Treasurer for a five dollar bill which proved to be uncurrent, which has been returned to the Grand Treasurer and no return made to said Branch. The sixty cents is the interest for two years.

Which resolution was read and referred to the committee on claims.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation for the purpose of attending the exercises of the day.

Three o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

The committee on finance made the following report on the petition of Brother Seth Storrs, viz.:

That after examination they find the facts therein stated to be true, and recommend to the Grand Lodge to relinquish any further claim upon Brother Seth Storrs, as Past Grand Treasurer.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made the following report on the petition of sundry brethren of Federal Lodge, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred the prayer of the within petition for the removal of Federal Lodge back to Randolph, respectfully report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, on the condition that the amount of the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer of said Lodge hereafter be equally divided between the petitioning brethren and the brethren of Brookfield and Williamstown, now members of said Federal Lodge, in case the brethren of Brookfield and Williamstown hereafter ask for and obtain from this Grand Lodge a charter for the formation of a new Lodge in Brookfield or Williamstown; and also that an equitable division be made of the furniture and jewels of said Lodge or an equivalent thereto in cash be furnished for the benefit of the new Lodge, should one be formed.

Z. WILLOBY,
For Committee.

Which being read, a motion was made to postpone the petition indefinitely, and decided in the negative. The report was then concurred in, when Brother Chase introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation heretofore granted to Federal Lodge be

rescinded, and that the said Lodge be directed hereafter to hold its sittings at Masons' Hall, in Randolph, subject to the conditions stated in a report of the committee this day made and accepted relative to said repeal.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Communication to investigate charges against Columbus Lodge, presented their account for said service, which was referred to the committee to whom the report of said committee was referred.

Brother Haswell introduced the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8th, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Rev. Bro. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain, for his religious and masonic address delivered this day; that the Grand Treasurer be directed to present him the sum of twenty dollars from the funds of Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was read and adopted, and Brother Haswell appointed to deliver a copy to Brother Clapp.

The petition of sundry brethren of King David's Lodge, praying that said Lodge may be removed from Stowe to Waterbury, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new lodges.

A resolution of Tabernacle Lodge, was presented in the following words, viz.:

Resolved, That this Lodge surrender to the Grand Lodge of this State the charter of this Lodge, together with the records, jewels, funds, furniture and effects, and that the same be discontinued.

Read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed on the complaint against Columbus Lodge, made the following report:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee in relation to Columbus Lodge, and the accompanying documents, respectfully report for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Columbus Lodge in suspending Brother Stephen Pettes did violate the principles of Masonry in their disorderly proceedings in the case, and in denying him an opportunity to make his defence to the charges exhibited against him, and in refusing to furnish him with a copy of said charges.

Resolved, That Columbus Lodge be directed to pay Brother Stephen Pettes forty dollars for monies he has expended in defending said charges, and attending before the Grand Lodge, to get justice in the case.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the Secretary of Columbus Lodge a copy of the foregoing resolutions, together

with the report of the former committee, and also to furnish Brother Pettes with a like copy.

Which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WALES,
For Committee.

All which being read, the resolutions were adopted.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of Martin Chittenden and others, for a new Lodge at Williston, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which was read, and concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued for said Lodge by the name of North Star.

The same committee made report on the petition of Isaac Tichnor and others, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

Which was read and concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued for a new Lodge accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of the officers and brethren of King Hiram's Lodge, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

Which was read and concurred in, and the following resolution introduced and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That King Hiram's Lodge be removed from Waitsfield to Warren, from and after the Wednesday preceding the full moon in the month of October, 5823.

The committee on claims made report on the account of Brother J. D. Huntington, that there ought to be allowed on said account thirteen dollars, and that the charge of fourteen dollars for interest ought not to be allowed; which was read and concurred in and the Grand Treasurer directed to pay the same accordingly.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT NOW IN SESSION:

Your committee appointed to examine the communications transmitted to this Lodge, from Grand Lodges in the United States and Province of Canada respectfully report that the communications aforesaid consist principally of proceedings of Grand Lodges and transmission of official signatures of Grand officers, in the several States, &c., but finding nothing of importance therein necessary to be communicated to this Lodge, recommend that the official signatures and proceedings aforesaid be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary be directed to recipro-

cate the civilities to the Grand Lodges in the several States and the Province of Canada.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was called off on dispensation till 7 o'clock this evening.

Seven o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of Brother Joel Clapp as Grand Chaplain for the year ensuing, and W. Araunah Waterman, W. Sylvanus Baldwin, W. John Reed, W. Harry Richardson, Grand Stewards.

The M. W. Grand Master then nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed the following named brethren to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz.:

For District No. 1, George E. Wales; No. 2, Martin Roberts; No. 3, J. M. Weeks; No. 4, John P. Colburn; No. 5, Nathan B. Haswell; No. 6, Harry Richardson; No. 7, J. D. Farnsworth; No. 8, John Roberts; No. 9, Reuben Kibbee; No. 10, William Howe.

The committee on claims made report on the resolution directing the Grand Treasurer to pay Brother Wait Branch four dollars and sixty cents, that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was concurred in.

The same committee made report on the account of the committee for investigating business with Columbus Lodge, that the same ought to be allowed at $30.

Which was read and concurred in, and the Grand Treasurer directed to pay the account accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of sundry brethren of Union Lodge, made the following report: That in their opinion, according to ancient usages and the ordinances of the Grand Lodge, no candidate for initiation could be permitted to withdraw his name from the Lodge books, after the ballots have been taken and reported, "not clear," in the South or West, though previous to the result being declared by the chair a postponement or a second balloting may be permitted, and the final result ought to be recorded. Your committee do further report, that in their opinion no censure ought to rest on the officers and members of Union Lodge, on account of the proceedings alluded to in the memorial, it having been made satisfactorily to appear that the proceedings took place under an honest but mistaken view of ancient usages and the spirit of the ordinances of this Grand Lodge. Therefore your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That no candidate for initiation ought to be permitted to withdraw his name from the Lodge Book after the ballots shall have been taken.

P. WHITE,
For Committee.

Which report was read and concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance made the following report:

The committee of finance having attended to the business of their appointment, make the following report:

That the receipts into the Treasury for the year ending October 8, A. L. 5823, have been as follows, to wit:

Cash of Grand Secretary, October 9, A. L. 5823	$ 200 00
Cash of same, October 12	49 32
Cash of Bro. J. Loomis, Past Grand Treasurer	131 59
Cash in hands of Grand Secretary, for dues from subordinate Lodges, received the present communication	243 00
Making the sum of	$623 91

The expenditures during the same period have been as follows:

Cash paid Grand Tyler	$ 4 00	
Cash paid Bro. Eells, per J. Hacket's receipt	3 00	
Cash paid Grand Chaplain	20 00	
Cash paid for Grand Stewards' bill	87 12	
Cash paid for trunk for Grand Lodge	2 25	
Cash paid for Masonic Hall	200 00	
Cash paid Bro. J. Farnsworth	61 00	—377 37
Leaving a balance of		$246 54

From which deduct the following claims, to wit:

Grand Stewards' bill to Langdon and Spalding	$ 36 53	
S. Mann's bill for dinners	70 00	
Bro. Waterman's bill	30	—106 83
Leaving as funds in the Treasury		$139 71

And further your committee have not been able to adjust the account of the Grand Secretary, none having been presented by reason of his absence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. SARGEANT,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

On motion of Brother Whitney it was ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to procure a plate for diplomas for this Grand Lodge be continued for the same purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren of King David's Lodge, made report that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, which was read and concurred in, when the following resolution was introduced, read and accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That King David's Lodge be removed from Stowe to Waterbury, from and after the Tuesday preceding the full moon in October, A. L. 5823, and that they hold their communications at Waterbury thereafter, agreeably to the times specified in the by-laws of said Lodge.

Brother Haight introduced the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to call upon Columbus Lodge for $30, which the Grand Lodge has paid Brother J. D. Farnsworth, Samuel Weed and Luther B. Hunt, for their services as a committee in investigating the conduct of that Lodge in the suspension of Stephen Pettes.

Which was read and adopted.

Bother Langworthy introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of petitioning the Legislature of the State of Vermont at its present session for an Act incorporating the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont.

Which was read and adopted, and Bros. D. Chase, G. E. Wales, and Z. Willoby appointed a committee accordingly.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made the following report:

TO THE GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823:

The committee to whom was referred the within resolution of Tabernacle Lodge, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of your committee, the charter, jewels, funds, furniture, and effects be received by this Grand Lodge, agreeable to the within resolution, and that the District Deputy Grand Master for the second Masonic District be directed to receive the same.

Which is submitted,

Z. WILLOBY,
For Committee.

Which was read and concurred in.

Brother Whitney introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish four hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the present and last communication, with the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the same, and distribute them among the officers of the Grand Lodge, foreign Grand Lodges, and the subordinate Lodges in such manner as he shall consider expedient and proper.

Which was read and adopted.

Brother Solace introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, through mistake, eported Jonathan H. Farr, a member of Morning Sun Lodge, No. 18, to be ndefinitely suspended by said Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to correct the mistake, nd give notice to the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand odge.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

Brother Sargeant introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, A. L. 5823.

Resolved, That the jewels, furniture, funds, and effects of the late abernacle Lodge be presented to Mount Anthony Lodge, and that the istrict Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District, No. 2, be instructed to resent the same.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished the same was closed in ue and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

XPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Joseph Hopkins, March 24th, A. L. 5823.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Louis Barrow, Jr., August 5th, A. L. 5823.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Ira Leonard, October 30th, A. L. 5822.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Ralph R. Child, April 23d, A. L. 5823.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Jonathan Knight, April 23d, A. L. 5823.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Asahel Adams, July 15th, A. L. 5823.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Joshua Meriam, June 18th, A. L. 5823.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Edmund S. Meeder, June 25th, 5823.

No. 47, *Central.*—Luther Howard, May 20th, A. L. 5823.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Henry Oaks, August 21st, A. L. 5823.

No. 41, *Clarendon Social.*—April 5th, A. L. 5822.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Samuel Smith, January 22d, 5823.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 18, *Hiram.*—Joshua Potter, September 8th, A. L. 5823. For 6 onths.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Paul Whitcomb, August 21st, A. L. 5823. For 3 months.

No. 55, *King David's.*—David Adams, December 24th, A. L. 5822. For one year.

RESTORATIONS.

None.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—Jonathan H. Farr, erroneously reported suspended by Morning Sun Lodge, No. 18, May 4th, A. L. 5820.

1824.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5824, being the 12th day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. George Robinson,	Grand Master.
R. W. Phinehas White,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. George E. Wales,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. John Roberts,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Araunah Waterman,	Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R. W. N. B. Haswell,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Reuben Kibbee,	Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Jona. Eddy,	Grand Tyler.
W. Araunah Waterman, W. Harry Richardson, W. John Reed, W. Sylvanus Baldwin,	Grand Stewards.
Rev. and W. Joel Clapp,	Grand Chaplain.

The following named brethren presented returns from subordinate Lodges and took seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz.: From

No. 1, *Vermont.*—John H. Colton, M., and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 2,—Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Philip C. Tucker, M.; Christopher C. Dennison, proxy for S. W.; William Hartshorn, J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—Lavius Fillemore, M.; Isaac C. Markum, S. W.; Charles Linsley, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $29.00.

No. 6, *Center.*—John Purdy, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—N. B. Haswell, M.; James L. Sawyer, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Jona. Randell, proxy for M. and S. W.; Zera F. Wright, J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Harry Richardson, M.; John Poor, S. W.; Joseph Wiggins, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Orlando Stearns, proxy for M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Thomas Robinson, proxy for M.; Joshua Leland, S. W.; Ashbel Earl, J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Asa Keyes, 2d, M. and proxy for S. W.; Benjamin Ormsbee, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Elijah Cleaveland, M. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Dudley Chace, M.; Reuben Kibbee, S. W.; John Blodget, J. W. Dues paid, $41.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Simon Judson, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Isaac Wheadon, M. and proxy for S. W.; Barzillai Davenport, J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—John A. Pratt, M.; O. N. Dana, S. W.; S. Marcy, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—D. Azro A. Buck, proxy for M.; Joseph Brown, proxy for S. W.; Wm. G. Page, proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Luther B. Hunt, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—David W. Clure, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—John Ransom, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—John F. Austin, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Daniel Bowen, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Asa Low, M. and proxy for J. W.; A. B. Adams, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Joseph Boyden, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—John Wright, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Austin Fuller, proxy for M.; George W. Woodorth, proxy for S. W.; Thos. Child, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—John Roberts, M. and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, 0.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Eben Hutchinson, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues id, $6.00.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Elisha Hopkins, proxy for M., S. and J. W. ues paid, $6.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Thomas F. Hammond, M., and proxy for S. d J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Dana Miller, proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Tim. Dolbear, proxy for M. ; Ezra Jones, proxy r S. W.; Henry B. Peabody, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 47, *Adoniram.*—Reuben H. Blackmore, proxy for M.; Martin oberts, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 47, *Central.*—Not represented.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Samuel Kidder, M. and proxy for S. W.; John olbrook, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Nathan Young, M., and proxy for S. W., David M. ane, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Joseph M. Mott, proxy for M. No dues.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural.*—William P. Blossom, S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Not represented.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Not represented.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Roderick Philips, M.; Frederick Richardson, . W.; Calvin Sartel, J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Roswell Butler, proxy for M., S. and J. W. ues paid, $12.00.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Moses Ayers, proxy for M., and S. W.; Jacob Davis, roxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 58, *North Star.*—John Brown, proxy for M.; Chauncey Brownell, roxy for S. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 59, *Social Master's.*—Z. P. Burnham, M.; C. Lynde, S. W.; Asa owe, proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony.*—Lodowick Stanton, proxy for M. Dues paid, 9.00.

No. 61, *Unity.*—Jude Kimball, S. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following ommittees, viz.:

On communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Chace, G. E. Vales, and P. C. Tucker.

On petitions for new Lodges, Bros. J. H. Cotton, M. Roberts, and John Roberts.

On finance, Bros. N. B. Haswell, D. Miller and A. Fuller.

The petition of sundry brethren in Williamstown, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge by the name of Social Master's Lodge, to meet at Williamstown; the petition of sundry brethren in Lyndon, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Lyndon, by the name of Unity Lodge; and the petition of sundry brethren in Peacham, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Peacham, by the name of Ancient Land Mark Lodge, were read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made report of the state of their respective Districts, and the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5 was referred to a committee of three, viz.: Bros. Loomis, M. Roberts, and Kellogg.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till two o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Masters for Districts No. 2 and No. 4, were referred to a committee of three, viz.: Bros. Wales, J. Roberts, and Weeks.

The petition of Aurora Lodge, situated at Hampton, in the State of New York, praying for the aid of this Grand Lodge in the adjustment of differences with Morning Star Lodge, at Poultney, was read and referred to the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

The petition of Columbian Lodge, No. 34, praying for leave to hold the communications of said Lodge in Brattleboro, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented and referred to the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

The petition of King David's Lodge, No. 55, praying that said Lodge may be removed from Waterbury to Stowe, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

So much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, as relates to Union Lodge, was referred to a committee of three, viz.: D. Chase, J. H. Cotton, and D. A. A. Buck.

At 5 o'clock, P. M. the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and Bros. Martin Roberts, Linsley and Keyes were appointed tellers.

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively:

M. W. PHINEHAS WHITE, of Putney, Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES, of Hartford, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d, of Bradford, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Burlington, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES, of Montpelier, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK, of Chelsea, Grand Secretary.
R. W. LUTHER B. HUNT, of Fairfax, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vergennes, Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 13th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report:

That they find a special communication from the corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, communicating the expulsion of Dr. Richard Murray, of St. Augustine, for unmasonic conduct. They also find a similar letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, communicating the expulsion of Henry Beebe, for the murder of Nicholas Oddo at the Orleans Theatre.

Your committee also find that the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Ohio, Missouri, South Carolina and Louisiana at their last regular communications are fully communicated. To these papers they have given as much attention as the brevity of their time would admit and have discovered no particular subject in them, which in their opinion demands, at this time, the particular attention of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee also find communications from the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana, containing the signatures of their respective Grand officers.

Your committee respectfully suggest to this Grand Lodge the expediency of having a regular list of expulsions, suspensions, and restorations of members throughout the United States, so far as they can be ascertained from the communications of foreign Grand Lodges. They therefore recommend that such a list be made by the Grand Secretary, recorded on the Lodge book and printed in the journals for the information of subordinate Lodges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. CHACE,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

The same committee made report on the petition of Aurora Lodge, That it is expedient, in their opinion, that a committee of two brothers be appointed by this Grand Lodge, with liberty to choose a third, to take into consideration the existing difficulties between the two Lodges, and that the

Grand Lodge direct Morning Star Lodge to accede to this arrangement o their part, and submit to the decision of such committee on the subject, whe it shall be made known, and submit the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That Barnabas Ellis, of Fairhaven, and Seth Peck, of Hampton New York, be, and hereby are appointed a committee, with such person a the said Ellis and Peck shall select, to settle and adjust all matters o difference between Aurora Lodge, in Hampton, in the State of New Yor and Morning Star Lodge, in Poultney, in the State of Vermont, relative t the furniture, jewels, and funds claimed by the said Aurora Lodge of th said Morning Star Lodge: and that the award of said committee shall b final between said Lodges, and that a certified copy of this resolution shall b sufficient authority for said committee to proceed in the business of thei appointment.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petitio of King David's Lodge, of the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That hereafter the communications of King David's Lodg No. 55, shall be holden alternately at Waterbury and Stowe, one year a Waterbury, and one year at Stowe, to commence at Stowe on the first regul communication of said Lodge after the rising of the Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments b himself for the year ensuing:

W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Martin Roberts, Gran Marshal; W. Jabesh Hunter, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jonathan Eddy, Gran Tyler.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petitio of sundry brethren in Williamstown, that in their opinion the prayer o said petition ought to be granted.

Which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued, con stituting the petitioners a regular Lodge by the name of Social Master' Lodge.

The Grand officers elected for the year ensuing were installed in du form. North Star Lodge, No. 58, paid $25, in full for dues to the Gran Lodge for their charter.

Bro. D. Chace introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, Oct. 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brothe George Robinson, our late M. W. Grand Master, and that our fraternal good will and respect attend him in his voluntary retirement from the high and

important station he has most worthily filled with great honor to himself and benefit to the craft.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. Chace introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That there be appointed a State Grand Lecture Master, whose duty it shall be to visit and instruct the several secular Lodges in this State in the correct mode of lecturing and work, as established by this Grand Lodge, which duty shall be performed at the call of any secular Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or on the order of the M. W. Grand Master, and said Lecture Master shall be entitled to receive for his services two dollars per day, to be paid out of the treasury of the Lodge for which such services shall be rendered.

Which resolution was read and on the question shall it be adopted? It was decided in the negative.

The petition of sundry brethren, residing in Hinesburgh, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge by the name of Friendship Lodge, to meet at Hinesburgh, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

Brother L. B. Hunt introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of one member, to wait on the R. W. and Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain, and return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his excellent sermon, and to present him with the sum of $20 as a compensation for his services.

Which was read and adopted, and Brother Hunt appointed a committee accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. John Reed, W. Timo. Hubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen, Grand Stewards; R. W. and Rev. Joel Clapp, Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed the following named brethren to be District Deputy Grand Masters, for the year ensuing, viz.: For District

No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester; No. 3, J. M. Weeks, of Salisbury; No. 4, Isaac Wheedon, of Pittsford; No. 5, N. B. Haswell, of Burlington; No. 6, Harry Richardson, of Montpelier; No. 7, Luther B. Hunt, of Fairfax; No. 8, John Roberts, of Whitingham; No. 9, Reuben Kibbee, of Randolph; No. 10, William Howe, of Derby.

The Grand Secretary nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Daniel Baldwin assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find that our Brother Elder Robert Hastings hath been excluded from his desk by a majority of the church of his late charge, and his temporal support as a public teacher in that place withdrawn, and that for no other accusation than that our Brother was received as a member of the masonic family, and became a brother among us. Your committee further learn that our brother by his daily walk exhibits a firm attachment, not only to the Christian church, but also to the masonic family, and that he is like many other spiritual teachers in a great degree destitute of this world's goods.

Your committee are happy to hear that our Brother Hastings has the cordial and hearty sympathies of most of his acquaintainces, together with some pecuniary aid.

Your committee have no doubt but they express the feelings of every member of this M. W. Grand Lodge, when they say that it is with no ordinary surprise and with deep regret they are informed that any who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity should in this enlightened age, this land of civil and religious liberty, when the walls of partition are rapidly decaying and brotherly love extending suffer their honest and earnest (though your committee believe mistaken) zeal for the cause of our common Lord and Saviour to impede the growing harmony. And in conclusion, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That a donation of $20 be presented to Brother Robert Hastings, and that the Treasurer pay the same to Brother N. B. Haswell, who is hereby appointed to deliver the same to said Brother.

Which report was read and concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master, for District No. 4, made report as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the foregoing report as relates to the blind man who has made application for initiation in Cement Lodge, respectfully report, that in their opinion the loss of this sense does not Masonically bar the applicant from being made a Mason, and that if the Lodge to which he has made application are satisfied that he is worthy of admission, they may proceed with him as in all other cases.

Which report being read, on the question, will the Grand Lodge concur therein? The yeas and nays were taken, and were as follows:

Yeas, 47; Nays, 52.

So the Grand Lodge refused to concur in the report of the committee.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of Columbian Lodge, of the following resolution, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That from and after the present session of this Grand Lodge, Columbian Lodge, No. 34, be permitted to hold their communications at Brattleboro, instead of Guilford, where the same are now holden.

Which was read and adopted.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Linesburgh, that in their opinion the same ought to be referred to the next session of the Grand Lodge. Which was read and concurred in and the petition referred accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District, No. 3, as relates to Union Lodge were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 7 o'clock this evening.

Seven o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, made report; that the same ought to be referred to the next communication of the Grand Lodge. Which was concurred in.

Brother M. Roberts introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, A. L. 5824.

Resolved, That there be a committee of three appointed to make enquiry into the subject of procuring a plate for striking diplomas for the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted, and Brothers M. Roberts, Robinson and Parsons appointed a committee.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made a report on the petition of sundry brethren in Peacham, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which was concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued, constituting the said brethren a regular Lodge by the name of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Lyndon, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued constituting the said brethren a regular Lodge, by the name of Unity Lodge.

Columbus Lodge paid $30, in compliance with the demand made in pursuance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge at last communication.

The following communication from the R. W. George Robinson, Past Grand Master, in reply to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, was read, viz.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN:

To have so conducted in the several stations I have held in the Grand Lodge for sixteen years past, and particularly while presiding as Grand Master, as *generally* to meet the approbation of my brethren, is all I could have wished and more than I could have expected. If, however, I may have deserved the approbation your resolution declares, my most sanguine wishes are realized, and I retire from the chair with all the good wishes and warm attachment to the Institution, and the individual members of this Grand Lodge, which have ever pervaded my heart, and with grateful feelings to the members of the Grand Lodge for their urbanity towards me.

I sincerely hope that this Grand Lodge may continue to be active in the duty of disseminating the true principles of Masonry, which I consider the hand-maid of religion and morality and shall ever endeavor to promote its best interests and to associate with its members on all occasions in which the benevolent objects of the fraternity may be promoted.

I am, your brother in sincerity,

GEORGE ROBINSON,
Past Grand Master.

The resolutions of Franklin Lodge, referred from the last communication, were now referred to a committee of two, viz.: Bros. Clapp and Loomis, to report thereon at the next communication.

The committee appointed in pursuance of Bro. M. Roberts' resolution made the following resolution:

Your committee consider it inexpedient to take further measures to procure a plate for diplomas. They find that Bro. James Farnsworth has received from the funds of the Grand Lodge sixty-one dollars for the purpose of procuring a plate, but has not succeeded. He has, however, been at the expense of fifteen dollars, which ought to be deducted from the sixty-one dollars and that Bro. Farnsworth return into the Treasury, forty-six dollars, and on his so doing, on request, that he be discharged from any further duty in this behalf and receive the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his attention to the subject.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The committee on finance made the following report:

The committee on finance having attended to the business of their appointment, report the following to be the state of the funds of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Amount in Grand Treasurer's hands, Oct., 5823,....	$3 54
Amount paid by Grand Secretary into the Treasury, Oct. 13, 5824.....	230 00

Amount in hands of Grand Secretary, as per his accounts		78 47
Making in all the sum of		$312 01
There has been paid by the Grand Treasurer the following sums:		
To Bro. Farnsworth and others by vote of the Grand Lodge	$30 00	
To J. D. Huntington	13 00	
To the Grand Chaplain,	20 00	
To the Grand Tyler	4 00	
For Square and Compass	8 50	
Taking the sum of	$75 50	
There is now due the Grand Stewards, as per their account, the sum of	114 26	189 76
Leaving a balance in favor of the Grand Lodge of		$122 25

Which report was read and concurred in.

Bro. Wales introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5824.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed at the rate of eight cents per one hundred words for recording such parts of the communications of foreign Grand Lodges as is made his duty to record by vote of this Grand Lodge.

Which was read and adopted.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST GRAND COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Moses Sheldon, of Fairhaven, October 6, 5824; Ezra Freeman, of Ticonderoga, September 8, 5824.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Rufus Goss, October 6, 5824.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Lewis Thomas, of Norwich, October 14, 5823.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Benjamin Smith, December 23, 5822.

No. 33, *Adoniram.*—Alanson Moore, December 25, 5822.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Nathaniel M. Fuller, of Pittsfield, December 11, 5823.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—John Andrews, of Milton, October, 5824.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Simon Hill, November 12, 5823, for 6 months.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Elihu M. Royce, June 12, 5824, for 6 months.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Simeon Tubbs, June 9, 5824, for three regular communications.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Aaron Rood, of Barre, June 7, 5824.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Jonathan Green, April, 5824.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Amos Towne, September 5, 5824.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1825.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5825, being the eleventh day of said month.

PRESENT.

R. W. George E. Wales,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Napthali Shaw, 2d,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. N. B. Haswell,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Daniel Baldwin,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. Reuben Kibbee,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Daniel Bowen,	Grand Marshal.
W. John A. Pratt,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Jonathan Eddy,	Grand Tyler.
W. John Reed, W. Timo. Hubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen,	Grand Stewards.

The following named brethren presented returns from subordinate Lodges, and took seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Wyman Spooner, M.; William Donohue, S. W., and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.

No. 2,———Extinct.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Christopher Denison, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.

No. 4,———Extinct.

No. 5, *Union.*—Lavius Fillmore, M.; Charles Linsley, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $7.

No. 6, *Centre.*—John Roby, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 7, *Washington.*—James L. Sawyer, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Silvester Pitkin, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $3.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Daniel Baldwin, M.; Joseph Wiggins, S. W.; H. H. Reed, J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Martin Roberts, proxy for M. Dues paid, $2.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Wm. Perry, Jr., proxy for M., and S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Net represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Reuben Kibbee, M.; John Blodget, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Harvey Scott, M.; Joseph Scott, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Calvin Solace, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, M. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Burgess Hall, proxy for M., and J. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Isaac Wheedon, M., and proxy for S. W.; Joseph Warner proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone..*—David M. Camp, S. W., and proxy for M. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—John A. Pratt, M.; George W. Rice, proxy for S. W.; Samuel Marcy, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Joseph Brown, proxy for M., and S. W.; John Stevens proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Luther B. Hunt, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Nathan Kimball, M.; Oel Billings, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 29, ——— Extinct.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—David Young M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Daniel Brown, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. No dues.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Asa Knight, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Horace Strickland, proxy for M.; Stephen Reed, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Willard Martin, proxy for M. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Wyllys Lyman, M., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Sewall Newton, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Asahel Smith, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Austin Fuller, proxy for M. ; Thos. Childs, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—John Roberts, proxy for M.; Horace Roberts, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Wait Branch, M. and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Samuel Daniels, M. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Thomas F. Hammond, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Daniel Kellogg, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Ezra Jones, M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Not represented.

No. 47, *Central.*—Lemuel Farwell, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Hezekiah Call, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Not represented.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Ira Hill, M. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Hannibal Hodges, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Mason P. Mills, M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—John Harding, M.; Elijah Buxton, S. W.; Thomas Hitchcock, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Seneca Tobias, J. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Isaac W. Marsh, S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Billy B. Butler, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Not represented.

No. 58, *North Star.*—John Brown, M.; Selah Murray, proxy for S. W.; John Bates, J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 59, *Social Masters'.*—Philip Davis, J. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid, $25.00.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony.*—Hiland Hall, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 61, *Unity.*—Isaac Fletcher, M. No dues.

No. 62, *Ancient Land-Mark.*—Josiah Shedd, M. and proxy for J. W.; Zebina Newall, S. W. Dues paid, $31.00.

No. 63, *Patriot.*—John M. Eldridge, proxy for M. and S. W.; John Allen, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 64, *Cambridge Union.*—Luther B. Hunt, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, viz.:

On petitions for new Lodges, Brothers Haswell, Bowen, Stearns, Wheedon and Hodges.

On finance, Brothers H. Hall, Lyman and H. H. Reed.

On communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Brothers Chittenden, Kellogg and J. Roberts.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

The petition of sundry brethren in Hinesburgh, referred from the last Grand Communication, and the petition of sundry brethren in Plainfield, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, were read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The report of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, referred from the last Grand Communication, and relating to Adoniram Lodge, was referred to the same committee.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made report of the state of the Lodges in their respective Districts.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Brother W. Walker introduced the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of so far amending the 16th Article of the general regulations of the Grand Lodge as to make it read as follows:

Article 16th. Every Lodge may exercise all the rights of discipline over Masons not members thereof who reside in the immediate vicinity of such Lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons, while resident in the vicinity of such Lodge; and also to deal with, and suspend, or expel entered apprentices and fellow craft Masons.

Which resolution was adopted, and Brothers Hunt, Shaw, Sawyer, Kimball and M. Roberts appointed a committee.

Brother Shedd introduced a resolution, which was amended to read as follows, and adopted:

Resolved, That the 4th article of the Grand Regulations be repealed and the following article substituted, viz.: Article 4th. No petition for initiation shall be received by any Lodge except at a regular communication, and no person shall be initiated at the same communication he is proposed, nor passed at the same communication he is initiated, nor raised at the same

communication he is passed, except by a dispensation in writing from the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which such Lodge is situated.

Bro. Lyman introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no person who is the voluntary cause of his own death shall be entitled to receive the honors of a Masonic burial; which was read and on the question, shall the resolution be adopted? it was decided in the negative.

Bro. Daniels introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay out of the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of twenty-five dollars to Bro. James P. Cady, as a present from this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Kibbee introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to procure jewels for the Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, to correspond with the jewels of the Grand Lodge, previous to the next annual communication.

The petition of Rural Lodge, praying that the communications of said Lodge may hereafter be holden alternately at Stockbridge and Rochester, one year in each place, was referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The petition of sundry brethren in Coventry, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Coventry, by the name of Magog Lodge, was read and referred to the same committee.

Bro. W. Walker introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to Wait Branch five dollars in compensation for a counterfeit bill which the said Wait received of the Grand Treasurer in 1821, which bill has since been transmitted to said Lodge and as yet remains unaccounted for.

The petition of sundry brethren in Concord, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Concord by the name of White Stone Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren in Cambridge, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Cambridge by the name of Cambridge Union Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren in Hartland, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Hartland by the name of ——— Lodge, and the petition of King Hiram Lodge, praying that said Lodge may be removed from Warren to Waitsfield, were read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The ballots being taken, it appeared that the

following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their nam[redacted] respectively:

M. W. PHINEHAS WHITE, of Putney,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES, of Hartford,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d, of Bradford,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Burlington,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES, of Burlington,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK, of Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. LUTHER B. HUNT, of Fairfax,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vergennes,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Ancient Land-Mark Lodge paid twenty-five dollars in full for fees to the Grand Lodge for their charter.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 12, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. H. Hall introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the 6th regulation of the Grand Lodge shall in no case be construed to entitle a brother to act in behalf of a member of this Grand Lodge, unless the proxy therein mentioned shall be in writing under the hand of such member.

The committee appointed in pursuance of the resolution introduced by Bro. Walker reported: That in their opinion the 16th article of the general regulations ought to be amended as mentioned in said resolution; which report was concurred in and the said article amended accordingly.

The committee on petitions for New Lodges made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Hinesburgh for a new Lodge, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued, constituting said brethren a regular Lodge by the name of Patriot Lodge.

The same committee made report on so much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, as relates to Adoniram Lodge, of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to raise the restrictions placed upon Adoniram Lodge, when permission was given to that Lodge to remove from Dorset to Manchester, whenever the regulations of the Grand Lodge in that respect shall have been complied with.

Which resolution was adopted.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Hartland: That in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted; which resolution was concurred in, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Concord: That in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted; which report was concurred in and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

Unity Lodge paid twenty-three dollars, in part, for fees to the Grand Lodge for their charter.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced the following appointments for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Daniel Bowen, Grand Marshal; W. John A. Pratt, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler; W. John Reed, W. Timo. Hubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen, Grand Stewards; R. W. and Rev. Simeon Parmalee, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Parsons introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Brother Robert Bartlett, and return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his sermon, and present him with the sum of twenty dollars, as a compensation for his services.

Brothers Parsons, Watrous and Bowen were appointed the committee.

Brother M. Roberts introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in future the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters shall be made by the Grand Lodge, on the nomination from the delegation of the several Lodges in the District for which such appointment is made.

The committee to whom were referred the communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, now in Session.

Your committee to whom were referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, respectfully report, that on examination they find that they principally relate to the ordinary transactions and proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges, and as such are not of sufficient importance to require the particular attention of this Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, find among said papers communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, upon the subject of the erection of a monument at Mount Vernon to the memory of our deceased brother, George Washington, and requesting the aid and co-operation of this Grand Lodge in the accomplishment of said object. Your committee upon mature consideration of this subject are of opinion that it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to adopt any measures to carry into effect the object proposed in said communications. In coming to this conclusion, your committee have been influenced by a belief that the

accomplishment of the object proposed would establish a precedent injurious in its consequences; that the appropriation of Masonic funds for that object is unwarranted by the principles of Masonry, and that the present state of the funds of this Grand Lodge, if no other objection existed, would preclude their furnishing the aid solicited.

All which is submitted.

M. CHITTENDEN,
For Committee.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Coventry, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued, constituting said brethren a regular Lodge by the name of Magog Lodge.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Plainfield, that in their opinion, the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued, constituting said brethren a regular Lodge, by the name of Rural Lodge.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Cambridge, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued constituting said brethren a regular Lodge, by the name of Cambridge Union Lodge.

The memorial of Independence Lodge, No. 40, charging Washington Lodge, No. 21, with violation of the 2d article of the general regulations of the Grand Lodge in the initiation of Aaron Ketchum, Joseph Warner and Mason Knappen, of Sudbury, and Harry J. Horton, of Hubbardtown, was read and referred to a committee of three, viz.: Brothers Eldridge, Sawyer and Billings.

On motion,

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, annually, as soon as may be after the close of each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to publish such number of copies of the journal of the same as he may deem expedient, and distribute the same among foreign Grand Lodges, the subordinate Lodges and officers of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Tucker introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no person who is deprived of his sight ought to be eligible to the honors of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 6 o'clock, this evening.

Six o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

On the nomination of the representatives of the Lodges in the respective

Districts, the following named brethren were appointed by the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz.:

For District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester; 3, Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes; 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; 5, Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington; 6, Harry Richardson, of Montpelier; 7, Luther B. Hunt, of Fairfax; 8, John Roberts, of Whitingham; 9, Reuben Kibbee, of Randolph; 10, David M. Camp, of Derby.

Bro. Hunt introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Master for District, No. 8, admonish and be directed to inform Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 16, that, agreeable to the ordinances of the Grand Lodge, their charter has become forfeited, and to demand of them their charter for the time being.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Independence Lodge, against Washington Lodge, No. 21, made the following report:

That the facts set forth in said communication are admitted to be substantially true by the W. Master of Washington Lodge, No. 21, who appeared before them. The proceedings of said Washington Lodge, therefore, in initiating the four candidates named in said communication are in violation of the 2d article of the general regulations of this Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, are satisfied that that violation was unintentional on the part of said Washington Lodge, and that no interruption to the harmony which has heretofore subsisted between said Lodges, their officers and members, individually, has resulted therefrom. Your committee, therefore, do not perceive the necessity of recommending any further proceedings on the subject.

Which report was concurred in.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of King Hiram Lodge: That in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That King Hiram Lodge, No. 45, be removed from Warren to Waitsfield, there to hold its communications until the further order of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was concurred in and the resolution adopted.

The same committee made report on the petition of Rural Lodge, No. 52, of the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That whenever Rural Lodge, No. 52, shall have obtained the consent of the nearest Lodge for holding the communications of said Lodge at Stockbridge and Rochester, alternately, one year in each place, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue his dispensation therefor.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands at commencement of this communication	$138 95
Cash paid by Grand Secretary to Grand Treasurer, October 11, 5825	250 00
Cash paid by Grand Secretary to Grand Treasurer, October 12, 5825	50 00
Cash in Grand Secretary's hands, as per his account	58 82
Making the present funds	$497 77
Deduct Grand Steward's account allowed at	120 38
Leaves in the Treasury a balance of	$377 39

Which report was concurred in.

Bro. Tucker introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6, admonish Morning Dawn Lodge for their conduct in initiating a candidate who lived within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, as mentioned in his report of the present year.

On the petition of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 11, it was resolved that whenever said Lodge shall procure the approbation of the nearest Lodge for the removal of said Lodge to Weston, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue a dispensation for that purpose.

The committee appointed at the last grand communication to settle and adjust the matters of difference and controversy between Aurora Lodge, at Hampton, N. Y., and Morning Star Lodge, at Poultney, made report of the following award between said Lodges, viz.:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed a committee by the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, to settle and adjust the claims of Aurora Lodge, in Hampton, in the State of New York, against Morning Star Lodge, in Poultney, in the State of Vermont, having attended to the business of our appointment at Daniel Parsons', in said town of Poultney, do adjudge from the evidence exhibited before us by a committee appointed by each of said Lodges, that the said Morning Star Lodge pay to the said Aurora Lodge the sum of eighty dollars, and that each of said Lodges pay an equal proportion of the expenses of this decision.

BARNABAS ELLIS,
SETH PECK,
JOHN P. COLBURN, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of the aforesaid decision.

The Grand Secretary nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The following communication was received from the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

On the 20th day of October, A. L. 5824, at the request of the brethren of Social Master's Lodge, I attended at Williamstown, and installed that Lodge in due and ancient form.

The following communication was received from R. W. Napthali Shaw, Jd, Grand Senior Warden, viz.:

Be it remembered, that agreeable to the order of the M. W. Grand Master, I attended at Lyndon, on the 24th day of June, A. L. 5825, and installed Unity Lodge in due form.

The following communication was made by R. W. D. Azro A. Buck, Grand Secretary:

By virtue of a commission from the M. W. Grand Master, I installed Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 62, at Peacham, on the 4th day of July, A. L. 5825, in due form.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE LAST GRAND COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Otis Frary, of North Adams, Mass., January 27th, 5825.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Reuben Lamb, June 27th, 5825.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Prentice D. Cheney, of Addison, December 9th, 5824.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Isaac French, of Castleton, March 2d, 5825.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Jonathan Martin, November 8th, 5824; Isaac Heath, November 9th, 5825.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Horace Cooley, September 20th, 5825.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—John Hunt, November 1st, 5824; Elihu M. Royce, January 3d, 5825.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Peter P. Hall, June 28th, 5825.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Charles Conant, of Troy, March 11th, 5824.

No. 55, *King David's.*—David Adams, of Waterbury, June 28th, 5825.

No. 59, *Social Masters'*.—Richard Hedges, of Northfield, August 23d, 5825.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Elihu M. Royce, November 1st, 5824, for two months.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—John Brown, April 14th, 5824, indefinitely.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—John Jewett, March 24, 5825, indefinitely.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Ezra Kenney, June 3, 5824, for 6 months; William Gale, October 6, 5825, for five years.

No. 55, *King David's*—Cornelius Barnes, of Stowe, July 25, 5824, indefinitely.

No. 59, *Social Masters'*.—Richard Hedges, of Northfield, February 1, 5825, indefinitely.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Caleb Hendee, December 6, 5824.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1826.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall in Montpelier on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October A. L. 5826, being the tenth day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. PHINEHAS WHITE,	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. WALES,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. NAPTHALI SHAW, 2d,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. AZRO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. LUTHER B. HUNT,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. and REV. S. PARMELEE,	Grand Chaplain.
W. JOHN REED, W. TIMOTHY HUBBARD, W. SILAS C. FRENCH, W. IRA OWEN,	Grand Stewards.
W. REUBEN KIBBE,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JONATHAN EDDY,	Grand Tyler.
W. ASA PATRIDGE,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. DANIEL BOWEN,	Grand Marshal.

The following named brethren appeared as representatives from subordinate Lodges, presented returns, and paid dues to the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

No. 1. *Vermont* -Wyman Spooner, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Philip C. Tucker, M., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—L. B. Fillemore, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—John Purdy, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—David Russell, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Hezekiah H. Reed, M.; Horatio N. Baylies, S. W.; Harry Richardson, J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—James Platt, proxy for M. Dues paid, $36.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton.*—William Hoit, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Asa Keyes, proxy for M.; Benjamin Ormsbee, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Daniel Williams, M.; Martin Flint, proxy for S. W.; J. K. Parish, J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 16. *Mount Moriah.*—Leland Fairbanks, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Calvin Solace, M., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—George Warren, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Lemon Judson, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Isaac Wheaton, M.; James Hale, proxy for S. W.; James O. Walker, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 22, *Lively Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Norman Williams, M.; John A. Pratt, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Samuel Austin, M.; Josiah Dana, proxy for S. W.; Joshua Dickenson, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Churchill Sampson, S. W., and proxy for M.; Ziba Woods, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—James Clark, M. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Elisha Ashley, proxy for M.; Harris Hosford, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $16.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Asa Patridge, M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Daniel Bowen, proxy for S. and J. W. No dues.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—William H. Williams, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Eber J. Chapin, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $18.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Dana Hyde, Jr., M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Wyllys Lyman, proxy for S. W. No dues

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Thomas Fuller, proxy for M. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—Not represented.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Joseph Hastings, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Thomas Hammond, M.; Abel Baldwin, proxy for S. W.; Josiah K. Skinner, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram's.*—Frederick Richardson, J. W., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Major Hawley, proxy for M.; Reuben H. Blackmer, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 47, *Central.*—Epaphroditus Ransom, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Not represented.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Moses Lane, proxy for M. and S. W.; Joshua Lane, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Not represented.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural.*—John Caryl, proxy for M. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Jairus Stebbins, M.; Silas Lamb, proxy for S. W.; John Harding, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Not represented.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Roderick Philips, proxy for M.; Calvin Sartle, proxy for S. W.; William Eddy, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Billy B. Butler, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Nathan Burnell, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 58, *North Star.*—Simeon Lee, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $11.00.

No. 59, *Social Masters'.*—Waldo W. Ingalls, M.; Joel Winch, J. W. Dues paid, $22.00.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony.*—J. A. French, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 61, *Unity.*—Ebenezer Peack, S. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 62, *Ancient Land Mark.*—Josiah Shedd, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 63, *Patriot.*—Wm. L. Varney, proxy for M.; John Wheelock, proxy for S. W.; John M. Eldridge, J. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 64, *Columbian Union.*—Luther B. Hunt, proxy for M.; Thomas H. Campbell, S. W. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 65, *White Stone.*—Dyer Hibbard, S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 66, *Rural.*—Horace Pitkin, M.; Alden Palmer, S. W.; Jabez L. Carpenter, J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

The following named brethren were appointed to be committees as follows:

On petitions for new Lodges, Brothers Haswell, Bowen, Hyde, Wheaton and Tucker.

On finance. Brothers Dana, Fletcher and Shedd.

On communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Brothers Wales, Willoughby and J. Roberts.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made report of their doings the year past, and of the state of the subordinate Lodges in their respective Districts; Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges; the petition of sundry brethren residing in Pittsford and its vicinity, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, to meet at Pittsford, under the name of New England Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren residing in Corinth and its vicinity, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, to meet at Corinth, under the name of Minerva Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren residing in Derby and its vicinity, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Derby, under the name of Phœnix Lodge; the petition of sundry brethren residing in Concord and its vicinity, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge to meet at Concord, under the name of White Stone Lodge; and the petition of sundry brethren residing in Bristol and its vicinity, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, to meet at Bristol, under the name of Libanus Lodge, were severally presented to the Grand Lodge, read, and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The petition of Cambridge Union Lodge, praying that said Lodge may be permitted to remove from Bro. Thomas Parker's to some convenient place in Cambridge Borough, was presented and read, and it was moved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, which was carried in the affirmative.

The following extract from the records of Lively Stone Lodge, No. 22, was presented, read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges, to wit.:

At a regular communication of Lively Stone Lodge, No. 22, at Derby, 16th Feb. A. L. 5826, the following resolution, to wit: In Lively Stone Lodge, Feb. 16, 5826: That the labors of this Lodge shall from and after this communication be suspended, that the charter be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and this Lodge shall become extinct, was read and adopted. Yeas 16; nays, 7.

A true extract from the records.

Attest,

DAVID M. CAMP,
Secretary, pro tem.

So much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10 as relates to Lively Stone Lodge, was referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. J. Roberts, and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 16, be restored to their former rank and privileges, they not having been represented and made due returns for the two last years, and being now represented and having made due returns and paid all dues to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hunt introduced the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That every subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, has the right to hold its communications at any place within the limits of the town within which such Lodge is situated, unless restrictions are placed thereon by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hibbard introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the County of Essex be hereafter annexed to the Sixth Masonic District.

Rural Lodge, No. 66, paid $25, in full for fees to the Grand Lodge for their charter.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and at 5 o'clock, P. M., proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing.

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, the following named brethren were proclaimed to have been elected to the several offices annexed to their names, respectively, viz.:

M. W. Phinehas White, of Putney,	Grand Master.
R. W. George E. Wales, of Hartford,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. N. B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt, of Fairfax,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck, of Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Wyllys Lyman, of Hartford,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

October 11, A. L. 5826, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Concord, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

Which report was concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Bristol, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the resolution of Lively Stone Lodge, and so much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10 as relates to said Lodge: That they recommend, the charter and records having been already surrendered, that the Grand Secretary be directed to call on the Secretary and Treasurer of said Lively Stone Lodge, to surrender to him within one year all the funds, furniture and jewels of said Lodge, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge, agreeable to the provisions of the 15th article of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge: which report was read and concurred in.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Derby, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was read and concurred in and a charter orderred to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Corinth, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was read and concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in Pittsford, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which report was read and concurred in and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly.

The committee to whom were referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report thereon:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, now in session:

Your committee to whom were referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, respectfully report: That on examination they find they principally relate to the ordinary transactions and proceedings of their respective Grand Lodges, and as such are not of sufficient importance to require the particular attention of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee however find a communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on the subject of erecting a monument over the remains of the late Gen. George Washington, at Mount Vernon.

This subject having been acted upon by this Grand Lodge at the last session does not require in the opinion of your committee, any further consideration.

Your committee also find among said papers a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, relative to a controversy between said Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine. Your committee do not perceive that any distinct proposition is by said communication submitted to

he consideration of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend that no rder be taken on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE E. WALES,
For Committee.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The following named brethren were appointed District Deputy Grand lasters for the year ensuing, viz. :

District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond ; 2, Martin Roberts ; 3, Philip C. 'ucker ; 4, John Purdy ; 5, Nathan B. Haswell ; 6, Josiah Shedd ; 7, Isaac Iill ; 8, John Roberts ; 9, Reuben Kibbee ; 10, David M. Camp.

The Grand officers elect were installed in due and ample form, and the Irand Lodge was then called from labor for the purpose of attending the ublic exercises of the day.

Libanus Lodge paid $25 in full for fees to the Grand Lodge, for their harter.

Three o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the I. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments for the year ısuing, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. S. Parmalee, Grand Chaplain ; W. John Reed, W. imothy Hubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen, Grand Stewards ; /. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer ; W. Jonathan Eddy, Grand Tyler ; /. Asa Patridge, Grand Pursuivant ; W. Daniel Bowen, Grand Marshal.

Bro. J. Roberts introduced the following resolution which was read and lopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to report to this Grand odge, during its present session, what subordinate Lodges, if any, have not ɔen represented in this Grand Lodge for two successive communications, or ho are in arrears to this Grand Lodge for dues for two years.

Unity Lodge paid, $2, in full for balance due the Grand Lodge, for fees ır their charter.

Bro. H. Richardson introduced the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction has full ɔwer to deal with any officer of such Lodge, for maladministration or ısumption of power whilst acting in his official capacity, or any other nmasonic conduct ; and it is the duty of such officer to resign his seat to the ɜxt officer in rank, after the complaint in the Lodge against him, until such ɔmplaint is settled by the Lodge.

On the question, "shall the resolution be adopted," the yeas and nays ɜing taken, it was decided on the negative. Yeas 39, nays 79.

Bro. Wales introduced the following resolutions, which were read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Grand Chaplain Bro. Simeon Parmalee, for his excellent sermon, this day delivered before them, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the press.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay Bro. Parmalee twenty dollars for his services as Chaplain, the present session of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. O. N. Dana introduced the following resolution, which was read, viz.:

Resolved, That no ardent spirits or public dinner shall be hereafter furnished this Grand Lodge at any of its communications.

The question, "shall the resolution be adopted?" being stated from the chair, the yeas and nays were taken, and were as follows: yeas, 80, nays, 28; so the resolution was adopted.

Bro. Tucker introduced the following resolutions, which were read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That if Morning Star Lodge, No. 27, shall not before the next communication of this Grand Lodge comply with the award of the committee appointed to settle the differences between that Lodge and Aurora Lodge, at Hampton, in the State of New York, as recorded in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its last communication, its charter shall become forfeit for contempt of the authority of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That said Morning Star Lodge be directed to pay Bro. James R. Norton the sum of ten dollars, for the purpose of obtaining a compliance with the award of the committee to whom the subject was referred.

Brother Wales introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the jewels, furniture, and funds of Lively Stone Lodge, the charter of which has been taken by the Grand Lodge, be given to Phœnix Lodge, established at the same place.

Brother Wales also introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure at the expense of this Grand Lodge such blanks as may be wanted for the use of the Grand Lodge, and for distribution among the several subordinate Lodges.

Brother Reed introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the funds of the Grand Lodge now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be loaned out by him on good security, payable on demand with interest.

The committee on finance made the following report:

'O THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION.

Your committee of finance having attended to the business of their ppointment, report the following to be the state of the funds of the Grand odge, viz.:

Balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the present communication	$282 58
Cash paid by Grand Secretary to Grand Treasurer October 12, A. L. 5826	200 00
Cash in Grand Secretary's hands as per his accounts	208 95
Amounting in the whole to	$691 53
From which sum deduct Grand Steward's bill	113 45
Leaves the funds of the Grand Lodge at	$578 08

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH DANA,
For Committee.

'CTOBER 12, A. L. 5826.

Which report was read and concurred in.

Brother Oramel H. Smith was duly appointed assistant Grand Secretary or the year ensuing.

The Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

OCTOBER 12, A. L. 5826, 7 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, and having nished its labors was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

XPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES TO THE GRAND LODGE SINCE LAST COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Jacob Brown, of Swanton, October 3, A. L. 5826; amuel H. Farnsworth, of Fairfax, January 4, A. L. 5826.

No. 19, *Cement.*—James L. Wood, of Castleton, October 26, A. L. 826.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Justin A. Howard, of Woodstock, April 19, A. L. 826; Origin D. Richardson, of Woodstock, June 22, A. L. 5826.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Simon Fisher, of New Fane, April 7, A. L. 826.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—John Jewett, January 20, A. L. 5826.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Ira McAllary, February 21, A. L. 5826.

No. 60, *Social Masters'.*—John Campbell, March 21, A. L. 5826.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Percius Young, March 23, A. L. 5826, for three months.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Asa Buckley, of Sheldon, August 1, A. L. 5826, indefinitely.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Thomas McNaury, indefinitely.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Timothy Clark, of Newbury, July 12, A. L. 5826, for six months.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Daniel Goddard, March 17, A. L. 5826, indefinitely.

No. 47, *Central.*—Jonathan Shattuck, March 21, A. L. 5826, indefinitely.

No. 61, *Unity.*—Thomas Gleason, of Sutton, February 22, A. L. 5826, for three months.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Abraham Hollenbeck, June 5, A. L. 5826.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—William Cookman, of St. Albans, October 3, A. L. 5826.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Thomas McNaury.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

1827.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October, A. L. 5827, being the ninth day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. Phinehas White,	Grand Master.
R. W. George E. Wales,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. Nathan B. Haswell,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. Joseph Howes,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck,	Grand Secretary.
W. Oramel H. Smith,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. Hannibal Hodges,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. H. Richardson,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. and Rev. S. Parmalee,	Grand Chaplain.
W. Reuben Kibbee,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Asa Gaylord,	Grand Tyler.
W. Asa Patridge,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Daniel Bowen,	Grand Marshal.
W. Asa Owen,	Grand Steward.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—Wm. Donaghue, M.; John P. Skinner, proxy for S. W.; Albe Lull, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Philip C. Tucker, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 5, *Union.*—Ira Gifford, S. W. and proxy for M.; Clark C. Cody, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 6, *Centre.*—Alvan E. Parker, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Truman Seymour, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 8, *Hiram.*—Jonathan Randall, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—H. H. Reed, M.; Horatio N. Baylies, S. W.; Harvey Richardson, J. W. Dues paid, $13.00.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Olive Branch.*—Henry Gray, proxy for M. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 12, *Newton.*—Joseph Bradlee, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—Asa Keyes, 2d, proxy for M. and J. W.; David Patridge, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—John Armington, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 15, *Federal.*—J. K. Parish, M.; Thomas Wilbur, J. W.; Edmund Weston, J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Leland Fairbanks, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Hiram Mason, M.; Isaac Hovey, proxy for S. W.; Alba Nelson, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Not represented.

No. 19, *Cement.*—John P. Colburn, proxy for S. and J. W. No returns and no dues paid.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—N. B. Haswell, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Thomas Davenport, proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Rufus Colton, J. W.; Geo. W. Rice, proxy for M. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—D. Azro A. Buck, M. and proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Philip Bagley, proxy for M.; Hilkiah Pierce, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Lovell Hibbard, M. and proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $15.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'.*—Josiah Philips, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Samuel W. Porter, proxy for M. and J. W.; Daniel Bourn, S. W. Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Haines Johnson, 2d, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Dana Hyde, M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Jabez Proctor, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Charles Gallup, M. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—Ephraim Tyler, proxy for M., S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Thomas J. Goodrich, proxy for M. Dues paid, $17.00.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Pres. West, Jr., proxy for M.; Israel H. Smith, J. W. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Thomas F. Hammond, M.; Jacob Washburn, S. W.; Amasa Parker, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon's.*—Daniel Kellogg, proxy for M. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Jesse Carpenter, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 46, *Adoniram.*—Not represented.

No. 47, *Center.*—Not represented.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Daniel Pike, M. and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $10.00.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Moses Lane, J. W. and proxy for M.; Joshua Lane proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Thomas Mott, proxy for M. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Hannibal Hodges, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $12.00.

No. 52, *Rural.*—Ruel Lincoln, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Jairus Stebbins, M.; Frederick Fuller, proxy for J. W. No dues.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—James Tobias, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Not represented.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Not represented.

No. 58, *North Star.*—Not represented.

No. 59, *Social Master's.*—Asa Howe, proxy for M.; Joel Winch, S. W.; Reuben Peck, J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony.*—Hyman Tuttle, S. W. No dues paid.

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No. 63, *Patriot.*—Jona. Batchelder, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 64, *Cambridge Union.*—Moses Runnels, M.; Cyrus Burge, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 65, *Rural.*—Horace Pitkin, M. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 66, *White Stone.*—Dyer Hibbard, S. W. and proxy for M.; Alpheus Nichols, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 67, *Magog.*—Thomas Jameson, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 68, *New England.*—Isaac Wheaton, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 69, *Minerva.*—Samuel B. Brown, M.; Warren Ives, S. W.; Seth Austin, J. W. Dues paid, $9.00.

No. 70, *Phœnix.*—Not represented. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 71, *Libanus.*—Horatio Needham, M.; John Howden, J. W. and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $21.00.

The M. W. Grand Master made the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

On communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Haswell, Hall, and Hyde.

On committee of finance, Bros. Tucker, Hodges and Richardson.

On committee on petitions for new Lodges, Bros. Proctor, Parish and Shedd.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented and referred to the proper committees.

A communication from Bro. John L. Hart, of Philadelphia, addressed to the Grand Secretary, and enquiring whether a charter for a Lodge of colored Masons to be located in said city would be granted by this Grand Lodge, was presented and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

The petition of sundry brethren of Independence Lodge, No. 40, praying that said Lodge may be permitted to hold their communications continually at Bro. Jeremiah Boynton's, in Orwell, was referred to the same committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the several District Deputy Grand Masters made report of the state of the subordinate Lodges in their respective Districts, which were read.

The M. W. Grand Master, the Hon. Phinehas White, then rose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

My Brethren:

In retiring from the station wherein you have been pleased by your suffrages repeatedly to place me, a sense of duty as well as of gratitude impels me to acknowledge your kindness and respect in sustaining me in the performance of the various duties which have been imposed upon me.

And permit me to congratulate you on the harmony and good feeling which have generally prevailed at the communications of this Grand Lodge, during the period I have had the honor of presiding over your deliberations.

On this occasion, also, it probably being the last and only opportunity of addressing, or meeting you as members of this Grand Lodge I may ever

njoy, permit me to urge upon your consideration the great objects of the Masonic Institution.

The great ends in view are to make men better and happier. In romoting these objects, contributing to the wants, and alleviating the suffer-ngs of the body, embrace the *least* of Masonic duties. Enlightening the nderstanding, cultivating the mental faculties, and improving the moral irtues of men, and teaching them their duties and relations to each other, in onnection with their religious obligations, embrace the great and more mportant duties of Masons.

As individuals, we are taught to improve our powers and faculties in a nanner most effectually to advance our own good, and to contribute to the rosperity and happiness of others. Collectively, as a body or society of men, ve are to unite our energies, not only in promoting the happiness of each ther, and the prosperity of the Masonic institution, but in alleviating human roe; in expelling ignorance and moral darkness, and dispensing light and appiness through the world.

The observance of ceremonies, putting on badges, and adhering to ncient rights and usages, will alone never constitute the true and upright fason.

Our duty to ourselves as individuals teaches us in the first place to old in the highest veneration the All-wise, Bountiful and Supreme Architect f the universe, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; and to el our entire dependence upon Him, and to cultivate the powers and facul-es with which He has endowed us, in the best possible manner, lopping off ll excrescences from the heart, stifling unhallowed desires and propensities, anishing from our bosoms *pride, ill-will, hatred, malice and revenge*, and in ultivating *humility, gentleness*, and *pure love*, directing all our energies to e promotion of the greatest sum of human happiness.

By our duty to each other, we are taught to love our brethren, to be haritable and kind, alleviating their sufferings, and contributing to their ants; to be tender of their characters and reputations, suggesting in their ehalf the most favorable circumstances; and are they justly reprehended, e are bound to let the world know how Masons love one another. We are be quiet and peaceable in subjection to the powers that be.

How far as Masons, we live up to these duties, you, my brethren, can dge. Looking abroad and beholding the heart-burnings, animosities and ntentions which are too common among Masons, and the vile, underhanded easures, not unfrequently taken by *Masons* to slander their brethren, and y falsehood to destroy their fair fame, to the total disregard of all the *most ored* Masonic obligations, the heart of every true Mason sickens within im, whilst he turns disgusted with the *name* of Masonry. But there is a deeming spirit in the institution. Its principles are correct, founded upon broad and liberal basis. Go home, then, to your Lodges, my brethren, and

let every *one* be taught to *reform one*. Call back the brethren to first principles. Banish all dissensions among them. Cut off all unworthy disorderly members, set your faces against all irregular habits and vicious practices, and never suffer any party contentions of any description to have place among you; and reject damnable heresies, if any have crept in. Be more cautious with respect to your initiations. Be more zealous and persevering in increasing the virtues, usefulness and respectability of your members, than in multiplying their numbers. Let your Lodges be what they ought, *in fact* to be, a band of brothers, striving to promote each other's happiness, without hypocrisy and without partiality. Then will true Masonry flourish and shine forth with the brightness of the sum, and will cheer and vivify with its influence the intellectual and moral world.

By our duty to those without, we are taught to be not weary in well doing. So far as in our power lies we are to promote the general welfare and happiness of man. Our charities and kind offices are not to be confined exclusively to our brethren, though they have the *first* claim, but are to extend to the relief of the distressed, oppressed and afflicted of all nations.

At this enlightened period of the world, when so much is doing to enlighten, happify and ameliorate the condition of the human race, can any true Mason be found, in this land of plenty, of liberal principles and of free government, who will pretend to say, that the charities of Masons must be confined *solely* to the relief of poor and needy brethren, their widows and orphans, when, after supplying their wants, we have still abundant funds to spare. It is hardly possible that *any one* can be found who entertains so contracted and illiberal views of the principles of the ancient and venerable institution of Freemasonry.

At an age when so much is doing to extend civilization, a knowledge of the arts, the lights of science, and above all a knowledge of the Gospel of Peace and divine truth through the world, shall Freemasons, who pretend to so much liberality and benevolence, remain idle, with folded arms, looking on with cold indifference, without extending a helping hand? Not so! Those who ought to be *first* and *foremost* in this great work of reforming and happifying the world, will not remain inactive.

But, in imitation of that ancient and venerable Mason, whose memory and exalted virtues for many succeeding ages *have been* and *still are*, held in the highest veneration, and are annually recognized in the celebrations of the order, all true Masons, feeling their high responsibility, will unitedly go forward in the great work, extending the lights and principles of Masonry, as a forerunner to prepare the way, by liberalizing the minds of men—by removing their prejudices, correcting their evil propensities, and by doing away all ill-will, malice, hatred, revenge and contentions among men, so as to prepare their minds for the reception of the blessings of divine truth.

Then will the institution of Masonry shine with peculiar lustre, and be

viewed in its true light, and be no longer contemned and frowned upon by the world, as a mischievous combination of men plotting treachery and treason.

Never, perhaps, were greater efforts made, at any period, than are now making in some parts of this country, to bring the institution of Masonry into disrepute, and to destroy its usefulness. Therefore Masons ought to be doubly vigilant in the exercise of every Masonic virtue.

The falsehood and slander poured forth upon the institution of Masonry are to be regarded by the brethren with indifference, and their authors are rather to be pitied than despised, and the lie given them by the upright conduct and virtuous exertions of all true Masons.

It is much to be regretted, to say the least, that the perfidy of *some*, and the imprudent conduct of *others*, have lately, in a neighboring State, given occasion for much excitement, and caused many of the brethren to feel severely the rod of persecution.

A more daring attempt to impose upon the credulity of mankind perhaps was never before made, than the one lately set on foot by certain pretended Masons, who have attempted to palm upon the world a spurious production as a genuine work. And with respect to deceiving and gullying the more credulous and inconsiderate part of the community, they have but too well succeeded in their nefarious attempts.

But you, my brethren, and all *true* Masons, will not be deceived. You know in what estimation this spurious production and its authors ought to be held;—and the credulous and inconsiderate will be taught a wholesome lesson—that they have paid dear for their credulity, and will soon learn, that no one can gain a just knowledge of Masonry, except he enter in at the *right door*, which is always open and free for the admission of all those who are worthy and well qualified. At the same time they will be also taught that it is not *possible* for *any* to climb up into the sheep-fold of a Masonic Lodge by any other way.

I have had occasion since my arrival in this place to notice with pain and extreme regret the late extraordinary, and it would seem rash and inconsiderate step, taken by a brother, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, calculated to bring the institution of Masonry into disrepute, and to impede its salutary influences.

It must be matter of wonder and astonishment to every considerate, reflecting and unprejudiced mind, that this disaffected brother should be disposed to attach to the institution of Freemasonry those imperfections and evils, which, if they exist at all, are alone attributable to the imperfections, frailty and corruption of its members! If the *best of all* institutions among men were to be judged and condemned by the frailty and wickedness of its members, it could not stand, and all hopes of reforming and reclaiming this our world must forever cease. Yet the rash and very uncandid

representation of this our disaffected brother, calls for our compassion, rather than for our resentment and contempt. Let prudence, caution and brotherly love direct our steps under all trials and circumstances, and we shall have nothing to fear for the honor of Masonry.

I considered it advisable at the commencement of the past summer, to address a circular to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, through the agency of the District Deputies, recommending it to them to contribute something from their funds, as they might deem expedient and proper, in aid of the great and benevolent objects of the American Colonization Society.

This measure was not without a precedent and example. Masonic Societies in other States have contributed to the promotion of the same benevolent objects. And this Grand Lodge has formerly contributed liberally in aid of similar objects. Therefore I confidently trust that you, my brethren, will not be inclined to consider the recommendation of this measure as a departure from Masonic principles, or a violation of official duty.

The ultimate success of the African Colony at Liberia, which was commenced and hitherto has been sustained by that Society, in many respects may be justly considered of the first importance.

The oppressed and degraded sons of Africa, torn from their native land, and enslaved by the cupidity of our ancestors, have a just claim upon our commiseration and benevolence.

And how can we so effectually discharge the great and accumulating debt we owe this injured race, as by sending them back and making them comfortable, enlightened and free in the land of their fathers? And how can we so effectually relieve our beloved country from that great national curse, *slavery*, a foul stain upon our national escutcheon, which unless timely removed, will at no very distant period drench our land in blood, and involve us in all the horrors of civil war, and prostrate our free institutions, as by promptly and efficiently aiding the laudable efforts of the American Colonization Society?

And how can we discharge the great debt we owe to injured Africa so well as by sending back her sons with a knowledge of the arts, thereby shedding the lights of science, of civilization, of Freemasonry and of the blessed gospel of peace and divine truth, through that dark and benighted region of the earth? Where is there an enlightened and liberal-minded Mason, who would not rejoice and esteem it his highest privilege, to lend his aid in speading civilization, the lights of Freemasonry and the blessings of our holy religion, from whence would flow freedom and happiness through that extensive region of the globe; where mental darkness, extreme wretchedness, and gross idolatry, with all their accompanying evils, now reign with imperial sway

Should this Grand Lodge see fit to sanction a donation of this character, let its application be limited, should they so direct, to the procuring of implements, clothing, furniture and jewels, together with the book of constitutions and other suitable treatises on Freemasonry, and the holy writings, to send out for the sole benefit of a Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons, which shall be hereafter established at Liberia, that thereby the rights and benefits of Freemasonry may be extended through that neglected quarter of the globe, where at present darkness reigns.

This, my brethren, is an age of wonders: great improvements are going forward, calculated to elevate man to that distinguished rank in the scale of created intelligence for which he was originally designed. Much is now doing, and much more remains to be performed, through the agency of human exertions.

Our obligations as *men* and *Masons* to be up and doing in this great work are *imperative*. Let it never, then, be justly said that Freemasons, in this great work of reforming and happifying the world, have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

This is a subject, my brethren, on which I could long dwell with unfeigned delight, but time and your patience admonish me to forbear.

After performing the few remaining duties devolving upon me, I shall most cheerfully retire, bowing with all due respect to the worthy brother whom you shall unitedly select to succeed me in office, carrying with me to the latest period of my life a grateful remembrance of your kindness and respect, whilst my ardent desire and unceasing prayer shall be for your individual prosperity and happiness—for the respectability and usefulness of this Grand Lodge, and for the success and extension of genuine Freemasonry through the world.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a committee of five, viz.: Brothers Tucker, Haswell, Shedd, Hammond and Parish.

A report from the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, accompanied by a resolution of Washington Lodge, No. 7, was received and referred to the committee on the Grand Master's address. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the communication from the M. W. Phinehas White, Grand Master, soliciting aid from the funds of this Lodge in aid of the American Colonization Society, be referred to the Grand Lodge of this State, and if said Grand Lodge shall be of opinion that the objects of the American Colonization Society are of a truly Masonic charitable nature, the said Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to draw upon the funds of this Lodge for the sum of twenty dollars in aid of the American Colonization Society.

So much of the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10 as relates to providing means for an uniformity of work and lectures, was referred to a committee of three.

At five o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, when the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared the following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively:

M. W. George E. Wales, Hartford,	Grand Master.
R. W. Nathan B. Haswell, Bennington,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt, Fairfax,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, Vergennes,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. D. Azro A. Buck, Chelsea,	Grand Secretary.
W. Wyllys Lyman, Hartford,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Dana Hyde, Guilford,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Brother Hibbard introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

In Grand Lodge, October 9, 5827.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to all the subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction to dispense with the use of ardent spirits on all public occasions.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

October 10, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing were duly installed.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the District Deputy Grand Master's report for District No. 10 as relates to means for an uniform system of work and lectures, reported the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the several District Deputy Grand Masters hereafter to assemble, during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, or immediately thereafter, and compare their lectures and mode of work, and so far as is practicable establish an uniformity therein, conformably to the directions of the Grand Lodge, and receive a reasonable compensation from the funds of this Grand Lodge, not exceeding two dollars per day.

The charter of Warren Lodge, No. 23, was surrendered to the Grand Lodge, by Brother Norman Williams, in pursuance of a resolution of said Lodge passed October 4, 5827, and deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Williams introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, be directed to receive and hold, subject to the future directions of this

ge, the jewels and funds of Warren Lodge, No. 23, the charter of
een surrendered to this Grand Lodge. *Provided*:
uch portion of said funds as may be necessary to discharge
lue from said Lodge be appropriated for that purpose, to be
nder the direction of a committee already appointed by said
ttle its concerns.
ommittee on petitions for new Lodges, to whom was referred the
chartering an independent Lodge of colored Masons, in Philadel-
: report thereon: That the Grand Lodge of Vermont do not
onstitutional power to charter a Lodge in Pensylvania, and if such
ed, its exercise in this case would be inexpedient, as this Grand
uld have no control over such Lodge, and could not enforce the
egulations prescribed for the government of subordinate Lodges
urisdiction. The committee therefore report that it is inexpedient
a Lodge of colored Masons in Philadelphia.
report was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.
ommittee to whom was referred sundry communications from
nd Lodges, made report thereon: That they have not been able to
proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges anything which requires
lar attention of this Grand Lodge. They find by the communi-
rred to them, that a commendable zeal appears to be displayed in
nt sections of the United States, and adjacent provinces, to
d diffuse the general principles of Masonry; and that this Grand
respond to these high and praiseworthy exertions, we recommend
ice of the practice of forwarding to the several Grand Lodges, the
s of this Grand Lodge.

ommittee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand
le the following report thereon:
ey highly appreciate the truly Masonic feeling and correct Masonic
essed by our respected brother, upon his retirement from the
recommend that so much of his address as he may deem proper to
ublic, be published in our next printed journals.

ation to the subjects of business referred to in the address, and
cted upon by the Grand Lodge, your committee (upon the best
which time would allow them to give the subject) propose the
esolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:
d, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the amelioration of
on of free blacks, by removing them to the Colony of Liberia, on
Africa, is an object dictated by principles of true philanthropy,
of support by the Masonic fraternity.
d, That the American Colonization Society, established to promote
hropic object, and having thus far pursued it with zeal, to the

great benefit of many of the sons of Africa, deserves the the highest approbation of every friend of humanity.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, highly approving of the objects of the American Colonization Society, present the sum of one hundred dollars as a donation in aid of the funds of that society.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, viewing the extension of Masonic light and information as a blessing to the world, appoint a committee of one to obtain information as to the propriety and expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge at the Colony of Liberia, on the coast of Africa, which committee shall report at the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the sum of $40 be presented to Brother John Purdy, in payment for Masonic services rendered by order of our Past Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Your committee do not find in the address any other subject upon which an expression of their opinion, or that of the Grand Lodge, appears to be required at the present time.

In relation to the special report of the District Deputy for District No. 5, referred to this committee, they observe that if the Grand Lodge should deem it advisable to make an appropriation to the American Colonization Society from its own funds (as the committee have herein recommended), they believe that it should be considered as a rescinding of the conditional vote passed by Washington Lodge. They also feel it their duty to remark, that such a vote of the Grand Lodge ought to operate in the same manner upon any vote which may have been passed upon this subject by any other subordinate Lodge in consequence of the recommendation contained in the circular of our Past Most Worshipful Grand Master. Your committee make these suggestions in view of the well-known fact that the acts of the subordinate Lodges upon this subject have been extremely limited, and that their private benefactions generally, and the constant home demands upon their charity, are such as to forbid any foreign appropriation of those funds which are and ought to be secured to the purposes of alleviating among their own immediate brethren and kindred the pangs of sickness, of distress and poverty.

Which report was read and concurred in, the resolutions adopted, and Brother D. Azro A. Buck appointed a committee in pursuance of the fourth resolution.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of subordinate Lodges in the several Masonic districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Hiland Hall, of Bennington; No. 3, Horatio Needham, of Bristol; No. 4, John Purdy, of

utland; No. 5, James L. Sawyer, of Burlington; No. 6, Josiah Shedd, of acham; No. 7, Isaac Hill, of Sheldon; No. 8, John Roberts, of Whitingam; No. 9, Reuben Kibbee, of Randolph; No. 10, Elijah Cleveland, of ventry.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by nself for the year ensuing:

R. W. and Rev. Simeon Parmalee, Grand Chaplain; W. Timothy ubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen, W. George W. Hill, Grand ewards; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler; W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand word Bearer; W. Asa Patridge, Grand Pursuivant; W. Daniel Bowen, rand Marshal.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor for the purpose of attending e public exercises of the day.

Two o'clock, P. M. The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Brother aswell introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. . and Rev. Simeon Parmalee, for his religious and Masonic discourse this ay delivered, and uniting with him "to do good and communicate," they rect the sum of $20 to be paid him out of the funds of said Lodge.

Bro. Shedd introduced the following resolution, which was read and lopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our orthy and respected Brother Phinehas White, Past Grand Master, for the ble, judicious and impartial discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon m as Grand Master; and while they view with deep regret, his retirement om the exalted and honorable station he has filled, assure him that their st wishes for his prosperity accompany him in his retirement, and their dent prayer is, that peace and happiness may crown the remainder of his ays.

Bro. Hyde introduced the following resolution, which was read and lopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the choir singers of this village, for their very acceptable assistance in the public ercises of the day.

On motion of Bro. Tucker,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to purchase a set of mmon gavels similar to those now in use for the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Tucker introduced the following resolution, which was read and lopted:

Resolved, That the fourth article of the general regulations be so altered to leave the subject of conferring more than one degree of Masonry at the me communication to the discretion of the subordinate Lodges.

Which resolution being read, the yeas and nays were taken on the question, "shall it be adopted." Yeas 81, nays 38. So the resolution was adopted.

The committee of petitions for new Lodges made report on the petition of sundry brethren of Independence Lodge, No. 40, "that the prayer thereof ought to be granted", which report was concurred in, and the prayer of said petition granted accordingly.

Bro. Buck introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated out of the funds of this Grand Lodge such sum as may be necessary to constitute our R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Simeon Parmalee, a member for life of the American Colonization Society; and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to apply such sum for that purpose.

The Grand Secretary nominated, and the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Oramel H. Smith Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The following donations were received from the subordinate Lodges named before, for the benefit of the American Colonization Society, to be delivered to the Treasurer of the Vermont Colonization Society, viz.:

Federal Lodge, No. 15, $10; Warren Lodge, No. 23, $10; Social Masters' Lodge, No. 59, $20; Rural Lodge, No. 52, $10.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds in the Grand Lodge:

Balance in the Treasury, as per statement of the Grand Treasurer, October 9th, 5827		$443 12
Cash in the Grand Secretary's hands as per his account rendered October 10th, 5827, including the funds received at this communication, amounting to $431, after deducting his account against the Grand Lodge		425 43
Amounting in the whole to		$868 55
Deduct Grand Steward's bill	$14.00	
Deduct Grand Tyler's bill	4.00—	18 00
Leaves the sum of		$850 55

As the present funds of the Grand Lodge, which report was read and concurred in.

The following reports were received and read:

By virtue of a commission from the M. W. Grand Master, I attended at Corinth, on the 20th day of September, 5827, and consecrated Minerva Lodge, No. 69, and installed the officers of the same in due form.

D. AZRO A. BUCK.

In pursuance of an order from the M. W. Grand Master, I consecrated White Stone Lodge, No. 65, at Concord, and installed the officers thereof on the 3d day of October, 5827, in due form.

JOSIAH SHEDD,
Dist. Dep. Grand Master, for Dist. No. 6.

I consecrated Libanus Lodge, No 71, at Bristol, and installed its officers on the 13th day of December, A. L. 5826, by virtue of a warrant from the M. W. Grand Master.

PHILIP C. TUCKER,
Dist. Dep. Grand Master, for Dist. No. 3.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in ample form.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE LAST COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Asaph Sherman, September 3d, 5827.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Hiram P. Weeks, of Rutland, May 9th, 5827.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Aaron Blanchard, of Barnard, October 6th, 5827.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Ebenezer Wilson, of Shoreham, April 18th, 5826; Alanson Hall, of Orwell, November 7th, 5826; Sherman C. Gleason, of Benson, March 7th, 5826: James S. Conhey, of Orwell, May 8th, 5827.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Enos K. Weller, of Clarendon, August 30th, 5827.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Gideon O. Dixon, January 10th, 5827.

No. 62, *Ancient Land Mark.*—John McNabb, January 10th, 5827.

No. 63, *Patriot.*—Henry Benson, December 12th, 5826.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 7, *Washington.*—Richard Rikeman, May 2d, 5827. Indefinitely.

No. 13, *Golden Rule.*—James Fitch, October 4th, 5826. Indefinitely.

No. 22, *Green Mountain.*—Nathan P. Fletcher, March 8th, 5827. Indefinitely. Luther Wetherbee, May 11th, 5827. Six months.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Sherman C. Gleason, February 21st, 5826. Indefinitely. James S. Conhey, December 12th, 5826. Indefinitely.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Stephen Spafford, September 28th, 5827. Indefinitely.

No. 61, *Unity.*—Thomas Gleason, February 7th, 5827. One year.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Eliphalet Martin, August 24th, 5827.

No. 22, *Green Mountain.*—Joseph D. Wheelock, March 8th, 5327.

Attest,

D. AZRO A. BUCK,

Grand Secretary.

1828.

Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' tpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of .. 5828, being the seventh day of said month.

PRESENT.

.N B. HASWELL,	Deputy Grand Master.
SHEDD,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
IO NEEDHAM,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
IO A. BUCK,	Grand Secretary.
L H. SMITH,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
S F. HAMMOND,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
L S. POTTER,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
V. ISAAC HILL,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
N ROBERTS,	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
AYLORD,	Grand Tyler.
ATRIDGE,	Grand Pursuivant.
BOWEN,	Grand Marshal.
VEN,) V. HILL,)	Grand Stewards.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

rmont.—William Donaghue, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. .00.

rchester.—William P. Brown, proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

nion.—Daniel L. Potter, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. .00.

ntre.—Not represented.

ashington.—Nathan B. Haswell, S. W. and proxy for M. and aid, $3.00.

ram.—Jonathan Randall, J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

rora.—John Goldsbury, proxy for M.; Joseph Howes, S. W.

'ranklin.—Not represented.

live Branch.—Not represented.

'ewton.—Not represented.

olden Rule.—Not represented.

'armony.—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Thomas Wilbur, M.; Edmund Weston, S. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah.*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—William Hidden, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Luther Ferre, M. and proxy for J. W.; Zena Myrick, proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 19, *Cement.*—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship.*—Leman Judson, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $7.00.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Warren.*—Not represented.

No. 24, *George Washington.*—Not represented.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Ira Farnsworth, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 26, *Rainbow.*—Allen Vail, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Almon Warner, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $6.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun.*—Asa Patridge, proxy for M.; Coyt Parkhurst, J. W., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'*—Not represented.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star.*—William Perry, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 33, *Charity.*—Not represented.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Samuel Elliott, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $3.60.

No. 35, *United Brethren.*—Not represented.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Joseph Sears, M. Dues paid, $4.00.

No. 37, *Green Mountain.*—Joshua Warner, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Cromwell Bowen, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $14.00.

No. 39, *Social.*—Not represented.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Not represented.

No. 42, *Morning Flower.*—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Jacob Washburn, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $8.00.

No. 44, *King Solomon.*—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Harvey W. Carpenter, M.; Joseph Sawyer, J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 46, Adoniram.—Martin Roberts, M. Dues paid, $2.00.

No, 47, *Central.* Alpheus Kellogg, proxy for M. ; Daniel Cobb, proxy ›r S. W. ; Ebenezer Huntington, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn.*—Not represented.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Nathan Young, S. W. and proxy for M. and J. W. 'o dues paid.

No. 50, *Columbus.*—Ira Hill, proxy for M. and S. W.; William L. owles, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural.*—John Chaffee, M., and proxy for S. W. Dues paid, 2.00.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—John Harding, J. W., and proxy for M. No ues paid.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos.*—Bird Landon, J. W., and proxy for M. and . W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 55, *King David's.*—Levi Smith, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 56, *MacDonough.*—Not represented.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Warren Hoxie, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues aid, $9.00.

No. 58, *North Star.*—John Brown, Jr., M., and proxy for S. and J. W.)ues paid, $6.00.

No. 59, *Social Master's.*—John D. Howe, M., Joel Winch, S. W. ; and :euben Peck, J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony.*—Not represented.

No. 51, *Unity.*—Eben Peck, M. No dues paid.

No. 62, *Ancient Land Mark.*—Josiah Shedd, M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 63, *Patriot.*—Not represented.

No. 64, *Cambridge Union.*—Not represented.

No. 65, *White Stone.*—Not represented.

No. 66, *Rural.*—Silas Williams, Jr., S. W.; James Pitkin, J. W. Dues aid, $1.

No. 67, *Magog.*—Not represented.

No. 68, *New England.*—Not represented.

No. 69, *Minerva.*—Peter Grattan, proxy for M. Dues paid, $5.

No. 70, *Phœnix.*—Not represented.

No. 71, *Libanus.*—Harvey Munsell, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W.)ues paid, $9.

No. 72, *Seventy-Six.*—James Platt, proxy for M. and S. W. Dues aid, $6.

No. 73. *Liberty.*—James Mason, S. W.; Isaac Hill, J. W., and proxy or M. Dues paid, $3.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master made the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

On communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Brothers Buck, Bowen and Ferre.

On finance, Brothers Roberts, Weston and Warner.

On petitions for new Lodges, Brothers Shedd, Hammond and Needham.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master on the petition of sundry brethren in Sheldon, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, by the name of Liberty Lodge; and the petition of sundry brethren in Swanton, praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge by the name of Seventy-Six, was read and referred to the committee on petitions for new Lodges.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges were presented and referred to the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock P. M. The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, was read and referred to a committee of five, viz.: Brothers Richardson, Potter, Daniel Bowen, Buck and Parish.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made report of the state of the subordinate Lodges in their respective districts.

Which was read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 4 o'clock P. M.

Four o'clock P. M. The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

At 5 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and Brothers Martin Roberts, Ebenezer Huntington and Jacob K. Parish were appointed tellers.

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively.

R. W. George E. Wales, of Hartford,	Grand Master.
R. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt, of St. Albans,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Orameil H. Smith, of Montpelier,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Wyllys Lyman, of Hartford,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Dana Hyde, of Guilford,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 7, was read and referred to a committee of three, viz.: Brothers Leman Jordon, John Brown, Jr., and George W. Hill.

Brother Bowen introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7th, A. L. 5828.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Hon. D. Azro A. Buck, for his long and able services as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that our best wishes attend him on his retirement from said office.

Brother Buck who was appointed a committee in pursuance of a resolution of the last session of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of establishing a Grand Lodge at the colony of Liberia, on the coast of Africa, made a report: That it was inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to do any thing on this subject.

Which report was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning

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OCTOBER 8th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges, made the report on the petition of sundry brethren of Sheldon, that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued accordingly, constituting said brethren a regular Lodge by the name of Liberty Lodge.

The same committee made report on the petition of sundry brethren in in Swanton, "that in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted," which report was concurred in, and a charter ordered to be issued constituting said brethren a regular Lodge by the name of Seventy-Six.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, reported upon so much thereof as relates to the funds, furniture, jewels, records, etc., of Warren Lodge, surrendered to said District Deputy, the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the charter, records and other papers, appertaining to the proceedings of Warren Lodge, now in the possession of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, be deposited with the Grand Secretary, to be laid up in the archives of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the jewels, and funds in cash of said Warren Lodge in the hands of said District Deputy Grand Master, be paid over to, and deposited with the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That the note signed by Brother Thatcher, mentioned in the aforesaid report of the District Deputy Grand Master, be remitted to Brother Thatcher, and that the remaining notes continue in the possession of the District Deputy Grand Master, to be by him collected, or otherwise disposed of according to his discretion.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Brother T. F. Hammond, six dollars for his services in receiving the surrender of the charter, records, etc., of Warren Lodge.

Brother Hammond introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That Rural Lodge, No. 52, have leave to hold their communications at Stockbridge and Rochester at their discretion.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing:

W. Timothy Hubbard, W. Silas C. French, W. Ira Owen, W. George W. Hill, Grand Stewards; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler; W. Reuben Kibbee, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Asa Patridge, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 7, recommending the division of said District into two distinct Districts, reported the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the territory comprising the county of Grand Isle, be separated from District No. 7, and be hereafter known and distinguished as the 11th Masonic District, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and as such be entitled to receive and enjoy all the privileges, immunities and rights, possessed by other Districts within this State.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of subordinate Lodges in the several Masonic Districts, to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

For District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester; No. 3, Horatio Needham, of Bristol; No. 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, Leman Judson, of Shelburn; No. 6, Josiah Shedd, of Peacham; No. 7, Isaac Hill, of Sheldon; No. 8, Asa Keyes, 2d, of Putney; No. 9, John D. Howe, of Williamstown; No. 10, Abner Flanders, of Hydepark; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

Brother Shedd introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to report to this Grand Lodge, before the close of this Session, the names of those secular Lodges, if any, which have not been represented, neither the last, nor the present year.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor for the purpose of attending the public exercises of the day.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Brother Bowen introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the choir of singers in this village for their very able and acceptable performance at the public exercises of the day.

Bro. Philips introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That King David's Lodge No. 55, whose sessions have heretofore been held alternately at Waterbury and Stowe, be at all times holden at Waterbury.

Bro. Hammond introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the R. W. and Rev. Isaac Hill, for his sermon this day delivered; and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to present him with the sum of twenty dollars, as a remuneration for his services as Grand Chaplain during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the sum of two dollars and fifty cents be allowed to Bro. Martin Roberts for his services rendered this Grand Lodge.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made report, that the said communications contained nothing but the ordinary business of said Lodges, and nothing on which it would be necessary or proper for this Grand Lodge to act.

Which report was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 7 o'clock, this evening.

Seven o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The Grand Secretary made report that the following secular Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have not been represented during this or the past session, to wit.:

No. 10, Franklin; No. 35, United Brethren; No. 42, Morning Flower; No. 56, McDonough; and No. 70, Phœnix, although the dues were paid by No. 35, United Brethren; No. 56, McDonough, and No. 70, Phœnix.

Which report was accepted.

Voted, That the District Deputies, under whose jurisdiction are situate those Lodges which have not been represented, and have not paid their dues, either this, or the previous session, call upon those Lodges for their charters, jewels, etc., unless some satisfactory reasons may be given for their neglect.

Bro. Needham introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5828.

Resolved, That so much of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be altered as that, at this communication, and hereafter, an Assistant Grand Chaplain may be appointed, to be an officer of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing: R. W. and Rev. Simeon Parmalee, Grand Chaplain; R. W. and Rev. Josiah Hopkins, Assistant Grand Chaplain.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds of the Grand Lodge:

Balance of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Oct. 9, A. L. 5827		$ 443 12
Cash received of the Grand Secretary		300 00
		$743 12

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid by Grand Treasurer to Grand Tyler	$ 4 00	
Cash paid for Grand Stewards' bill	14 00	
The following sums paid by the Grand Treasurer, in obedience to several resolutions of the Grand Lodge, at their last communication:		
Cash paid District Deputy Grand Masters	32 00	
Cash paid Treasurer of the American Colonization Society	100 00	
Cash paid Bro. John Purdy	40 00	
Cash paid Treasurer of the American Colonization Society, to constitute R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain Simeon Parmalee a member of that Society for life	30 00	—220 00
		$523 12

The above balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee find on examination of the Grand Secretary's account, a balance in his hands of ..... $ 187 19

Making a balance of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, agreeably to their accounts accompanying this report of ..... $ 710 31

as the present funds of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was read and concurred in.

The Grand Secretary nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Edmund Weston, Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in ue and ample form.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

XPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Martin Flint, of Randolph, December 3, 5827. oseph Cochran, of Randolph, March 31, 5828. William Hyde, Darius rague, Lem. Tarbox, Phineas Smith, William B. Chandler, of Randolph, arch 24, 5828.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun.*—Daniel Mason, of Craftsbury; Aaron Farnham d Charles Bailey, Jr., of Hardwick; Harvey Scott, of Craftsbury, August 7, 5828.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—Jonathan B. Holmes, July 2, 5828.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—James S. Harris, November 8, 5826.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Cyrus Larkin, of Montgomery, July 21, 5828. atha Daniels, of Berkshire, September 8, 5828.

No. 45, *King Hiram.*—Henry Jones, of Cabot, September 24, 5828.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Joseph S. Blasdell, of Strafford, September 22, 5828.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—William N. Bell, of Troy, September 18, 5828.

No. 59, *Social Masters.*—Orcutt Hyde, of Brookfield, February 26, 5828.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Benajah Benedict, October 11, A. L. 5826, for ree months. John Cull, October 11, A. L. 5826, for six months.

No. 27, *Morning Star.*—Harvey Fennel, November 8, 5826, for three onths, at the expiration of which time he was restored.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—Moses Foster, September 5, A. L. 5827.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1829.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October, A. L. 5829. being the sixth day of said month.

PRESENT.

R. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LUTHER B. HUNT,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. JOSIAH SHEDD,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ORAMEL H. SMITH,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE H. PRENTISS,	Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R. W. THOMAS F. HAMMOND,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN PURDY,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. and REV. ISAAC HILL,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. ASA GAYLORD,	Grand Tyler.
W. HARRY RICHARDSON,	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
W. IRA OWEN,	Grand Steward.

SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—William Donoghue, M.; Charles E. Coleston, S. W.; Rufus Whitcomb, J. W. Represented by Charles E. Coleston, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 3, *Dorchester*, at Vergennes.—Philip C. Tucker, M.; Daniel Wright, S. W.; William Hartshorn, J. W. Represented by P. C. Tucker, M., and Stephen Haight, proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—Lavius Fillmore, M.; Martin Hopkins, S. W.; Ziba Gifford, J. W. Represented by Loren B. Fillmore, proxy for M. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 6, *Centre*, at Rutland.—Hiram Watkins, M.; Luther Thrall, S. W. Represented by John Purdy, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Nathan B. Haswell, M.; James L. Sawyer, S. W.; Socrates Catlin, J. W. Represented by N. B. Haswell, M.; J. L. Sawyer, S. W. and proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet.—Jonathan Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W.; Asa S. Jones, J. W. Represented by Jonathan Randall, S. W. No dues paid.

No. 9, *Aurora*, at Montpelier.—Jeduthun Loomis, M.; Joseph Howes, S. W.; Sylvanus Baldwin, J. W. Represented by the M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 10, *Franklin*, at St. Albans.—Luther B. Hunt, M.; Stephen Royce, Jr., S. W.; Henry Adams, J. W. Represented by L. B. Hunt, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $20.00.

No. 11, *Olive Branch*, at Chester.—Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton*, at Arlington.—Not represented.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, at Putney.—Joel Page, M.; Preston W. Taft, S. W.; John H. Stoddard, J. W. Represented by Jacob Burditt, proxy for M.; Joel Page, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 14, *Harmony*, at St. Johnsbury.—Not represented.

No. 15, *Federal*, at Randolph.—Thomas Wilber, M.; Abner Nichols, Jr., S. W.; George Carpenter, J. W. Represented by Reuben Kibbee proxy for M. and S. W.; Oramel Partridge, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, at Wardsborough.—Not represented.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun*, at Craftsbury.—William Hidden, M.; Augustus Young, S. W.; Jonathan P. Blasdell, J. W. Represented by W. Hidden, M., and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, at Bridport.—Luther Ferre, M.; Solomon Mason, S. W.; John Brainard, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 19, *Cement*, at Westhaven.—John P. Colburn, M.; Hezekiah Bosworth, S. W.; Henry Whitlock, J. W. Represented by Artemas Wyman, proxy for M. Dues paid, $1.

No. 20, *Friendship*, at Charlotte.--Leman Judson, M.; Aaron B. Webb, S. W.; Elanson H. Wheeler, J. W. Represented by L. Judson, M., and William Pease, proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 21, *Washington*, at Brandon.—Barzillai Davenport, M.; George W. Kelly, S. W.; John F. Sawyer, J. W. Represented by B. Davenport, M. No dues paid.

No. 24, *George Washington*, at Chelsea.—Not represented.

No. 25, *Lamoille*, at Fairfax.—Ira Farnsworth, M.; Oliver Dutton, S. W.; Ebenezer L. Farrar, J. W. Represented by Homer E. Hubbell, proxy for M. No dues paid.

No. 26, *Rainbow*, at Middletown.—Not represented.

No. 27, *Morning Star*, at Poultney.—Not represented.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—Not represented.

No. 30, *Farmers*, at Danby.—Azariah Hilliard, M.; Josiah Phillips, S. W.; Nathan Willer, J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 31, *St. John's*, at Springfield.—Not represented.

No. 32, *Blazing Star*, at Newfane.—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity*, at Newbury.—Not represented.

No. 34, *Columbian*, at Brattleboro.—Not represented.

No. 35, *United Brethren*, at Hartford.—Represented by Samuel Nutt, S. W. No dues paid.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon*, at Hydepark.—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountain*, at Cavendish and Ludlow.—Asa Wheeler, M.; Joshua Warner, S. W.; Stephen Cummings, J. W. Represented by A. Wheeler, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Do dues paid.

No. 38, *Missisquoi*, at Enosburg.—Samuel S. Butler, M.; John S. Webster, S. W.; Sherman Cummings, proxy for M. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 39, *Social*, at Wilmington.—John Roberts, M.; Richard Waste, S. W.; Nathan T. Davis, J. W. Represented by Sanford Plumb, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 40, *Independence*, at Orwell.—Benjamin Pardy, M.; Thomas J. Goodrich, S. W.; William R. Sanford, S. W. Represented by Samuel H. Pardy, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 41, *St. John's*, at Thetford.—Not represented.

No. 42, *Morning Star*, at Rupert.—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star*, at Reading.—Thomas F. Hammond, M.; Amasa Parker, S. W.; John W. Emery, J. W. Represented by T. F. Hammond, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 44, *King Solomon's*, at Rockingham.—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram's*, at Waitsfield.—Oramel Williams, M.; Joseph Sawyer, S. W.; Harvey W. Carpenter, J. W. Represented by the M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 46, *Adoniram*, at Manchester.—Not represented.

No. 47, *Central*, at Townsend.—John Fessendem, M. Represented by Epaphroditus Ransom, proxy for M. No dues paid.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn*, at Waterford.—Not represented.

No. 49, *Temple*, at Strafford.—Moses Lane, M.; Lyman Benson, S. W.; Thomas Haseltine, J. W. Represented by Ebenezer Baldwin, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 50, *Columbus*, at Alburgh.—Danford Mott, M.; John Doty, S. W.; Jireh S. Berry, J. W. Represented by John M. Sowles, proxy for M.; William Sowles, proxy for S. W.; Harry Hill, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social*, at Clarendon.—Silas Bowen, M.; Harvey Shaw, S. W.; Ozias B. Hosford, J. W. Represented by Frederick Button, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 52. *Rural*, at Stockbridge and Rochester.— Sumner A. Webber, M.; Joel Cooper, S. W.; Ira Cooper, J. W. Represented by S. A. Webber, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 53, *Masonic Union*, at Westfield.—Jairus Stebbins, M.; Otis Leland, S. W.; Chester Coburn, J. W. Represented by Silas Lamb, proxy for M.; Thomas Proctor, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos*, at South Hero.—Not represented.

No. 55, *King David's*, at Waterbury.—Amos Crosby, M.; William Eddy,). W.; Levi Smith, J. W. Represented by Levi Smith, J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 56, *McDonough*, at Essex.—John Halbert, M.; Eli Stockwell, S. V.; Revilo Noble, J. W. Represented by William A. Prentiss, proxy for [. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.

No. 57, *Seneca*, at Milton.—Not represented.

No. 58, *North Star*, at Williston.—John Bates, M.; David A. Murray, . W.; Apollos Smith, J. W. Represented by J. Bates, M. No dues paid.

No. 59, *Social Masters*, at Williamstown.—Joel Winch, M.; Reuben Peck, . W.; Bradford Newcomb, J. W. Represented by the M. and S. W. No ues paid.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony*, at Bennington.—Not represented.

No. 61, *Unity*, at Lyndon.—Not represented.

No. 62, *Ancient Land-Mark*, at Peacham.—Isaiah Silver, M. and proxy r J. W.; Josiah Shedd, proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

No. 63, *Patriot*, at Hinesburgh.—Erastus Bostwick, M.; Daniel Patck, Jr., S. W.; Orrin Murray, J. W. Represented by E. Bostwick, M. d proxy for S. W.; John Wheelock, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 64, *Cambridge Union*, at Cambridge.—John Warner, M.; Thaddeus [urdock, S. W.; Seth Willey, J. W. Represented by Zera Willoughby, roxy for M. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 65, *Rural*, at Plainfield.—Not represented.

No. 66, *White Stone*, at Concord.—Lott Richardson, M.; Jesse Woodury, Jr., S. W.; Dyer Hibburd, J. W. Represented by L. Richardson, M. nd proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 67, *Magog*, at Coventry.—Not represented.

No. 68, *New England*, at Pittsford.—Not represented.

No. 69, *Minerva*, at Corinth.—Not represented.

No. 70, *Phœnix*, at Derby.—Not represented.

No. 71, *Libanus*, at Bristol.—Harvey Munsell, M.; John Bacon, S. W.; noch Partch, J. W. Represented by H. Munsell, M. and proxy for S. and . W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 72, *Seventy-Six*, at Swanton.—Not represented.

No. 73, *Liberty*, at Sheldon.—Charles Gallup, M.; James Mason, S. W.; aac Hill, J. W. Represented by I. Hill, J. W. Dues paid, $2.

Brother Asa Wheeler presented a petition of a committee appointed by reen Mountain Lodge, No. 37, praying for leave to hold their communicaons alternately in Cavendish and Ludlow, which was read and referred to e committee to be raised on petitions for new Lodges.

Brother Hammond introduced the following resolution, which was read d adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 6th, A. L. 5829.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft an appeal to

the people of Vermont, to be adopted as the sentiment of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of the present excitement, to be published under the direction of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, was read and referred to a committee of five.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Masters for Districts Nos. 2 and 6, was read and accepted. The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, was read and referred to a committee of three.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

On motion of Brother Hunt, Franklin Lodge, No. 10, which had not been represented for the past two communications of the Grand Lodge, was permitted to present its returns.

A resolution of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 43, consenting to the removal of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 37, was read and referred to the committee to be raised on petitions for new Lodges.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master made the appointment of the following committees, viz.·

On the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Buck, Webber and H. H. Reed.

On the committee on finance, Bros. Hunt, Fillmore and Munsell.

On the committee on petitions for new Lodges, Bros. Shedd, Willoughby and Kibbee.

On the report of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, and on the committee to draft an appeal to the citizens of Vermont, Bros. Hammond, Buck, Wheeler, G. H. Prentiss and J. L. Sawyer.

On the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, relating to celebrations, and to Washington Lodge, No. 7, Bros. Silver, J. Purdy and Haight.

Bro. James L. Sawyer introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted, viz. :

WHEREAS, Since the last communication of this Grand Lodge, our M. W. Bro. Col. John Chipman, late one of the few surviving officers of the army of the revolution, one of the earliest and most efficient members of the Masonic Fraternity in this State, and for many years Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, has departed this life : Therefore,

Resolved, As a testimony of the respect entertained by this Grand Lodge for the memory, character and services of our lamented brother, that the jewels and furniture of this Lodge be dressed in mourning, and its members wear the usual badge of mourning during the present communication.

The District Deputy Grand Masters for Districts Nos. 3, 4, and 7, made

report of the state of their respective Districts, and the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4, made the following report, viz.:

On the 22d day of November, 5827, I attended at Pittsford, consecrated New England Lodge and installed its officers in due form.

Which reports were read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 4 o'clock, P. M.

Four o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The roll of members was called and the number of votes determined, and the following brethren were appointed tellers, viz: Bros. Willoughby, Munsell and H. H. Reed.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation for half an hour.

Half past four o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

At five o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively:

M. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt, of St. Albans,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Wyllys Lyman, of Hartford,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Oramel H. Smith, of Montpelier,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Sumner A. Webber, of Rochester,	Grand Junior Deacon.

R. W. D. Azro A. Buck, of Chelsea, was duly elected Deputy Grand Master, which office he declined accepting, and was excused.

R. W. Luther B. Hunt, of St. Albans, was duly elected Deputy Grand Master, which office he declined accepting, and was excused.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

October 7th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made the following report, viz.:

In Grand Lodge, October 7, A. L. 5829.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Green Mountain

Lodge, No. 37, respectfully report, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. They therefore report the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That Green Mountain Lodge, No. 37, be hereafter holden alternately in Proctorsville in Cavendish, and in Ludlow, two years successively in each place, commencing in said Proctorsville on the first day of January, A. L. 5830.

Which report was read and concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

The committee appointed on the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, made the following report, viz.:

To THE GRAND LODGE, NOW SITTING:

The committee to whom the within report was referred, respectfully report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and do recommend an appropriation from the funds of this Lodge, in aid of Washington Lodge, of the sum of seventy-five dollars; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a charter to that Lodge, and to furnish it with copies of its annual returns since its organization, up to and including the present year, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and also that the jewels of Warren Lodge be loaned to said Washington Lodge.

And so much of the report as relates to an uniformity of the manner of celebrating the annual festivals, they would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several secular Lodges composing the several Masonic Districts to unite in a District celebration, annually, of one of the Masonic festivals, at such place within each District as the Lodges may direct.

Which report was read and accepted.

And as to so much of the report as recommends an appropriation in aid of Washington Lodge, voted, that it is inexpedient to adopt the same.

Voted, that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a charter, and furnish copies of the returns, and that the jewels of Warren Lodge be loaned, pursuant to the report of the committee.

Voted, That the resolution relative to District celebrations, reported by the committee, be adopted.

The petitions of Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Stanley and of Reuben Kibbee, praying for assistance, and the petition of Union Lodge, No. 5, praying for a loan of money, were read and referred to a committee of three, viz.: Brothers Loomis, Buck and Shedd.

On motion of Brother Loomis, Brothers Haight and Willoughby were added to said committee.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Silas C. French, W. George W. Hill, W. John Goldsbury, W. Harvey W. Carpenter, Grand Stewards; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler;

W. Reuben Kibbec, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Asa Patridge, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect for the year ensuing were duly installed.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of attending the public exercises of the day.

Three o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7, 5829.

The committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, report: That they have devoted all the time allowed by their other duties to the said communications, and having ascertained their general character to be merely the ordinary proceedings of the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, requiring no particular notice or vote, they move to be discharged from the further consideration of said communications.

Which report was read and accepted and the committee discharged.

Bro. Hidden introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7, A. L. 5829.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on the R. W. and Rev. Alexander Lovell, and present him with the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his sermon this day delivered, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Bros. Willoughby, Tucker and Hunt were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Bro. Tucker introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7, A. L. 5829.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Bro. Lovell, and present him with twenty dollars as a remuneration for his services to the Grand Lodge.

Bros. Willoughby, Tucker and Hunt were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of subordinate Lodges in the several Masonic Districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester; No. 3, Luther Ferre, of Bridport; No. 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, Leman Judson, of Shelburn; No. 6, Josiah Shedd,

of Peacham; No. 7, Isaac Hill, of Sheldon; No. 8, Ephraim H. Mason, of Putney; No. 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; No. 10, William Hidden, of Albany; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. Alexander Lovell, of Vergennes, Grand Chaplain; R. W. and Rev. Isaac Hill, of Sheldon, Assistant Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 7 o'clock P. M.

Seven o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee appointed to draft an appeal, reported the following, to wit, viz.:

The attitude, fellow-citizens, which a concurrence of circumstances of the most astonishing character, requires us to assume, however unpleasant to ourselves individually, can render us obnoxious to no sort of censure. The principles upon which the structure of this government rests, inculcate as a paramount duty the presentation of dispassionate and candid, but fearless and decisive protests against the obtaining of any doctrines designed to subtract from or restrict the exercise of any, the least among the rights secured to every citizen of these United and Republican States. It would, then, be but discharge of a duty, if we believe ourselves, as the free residents of this soil, aggrieved, our charters traduced, and our most innocent intentions calumniated, to stand forth and claim from you the liberty of the free and perfect exercise of all those benefits for the enjoyment of which we stand to each other in the relation of mutual guarantees. They are identified with your own, indivisible in themselves, and the hand which would blot from the record of this country's freemen the name of the least among them, be he free from the retributions which the sanctity of the laws requires, would, if possessed of the power, deprive each of you of those privileges which are secured by the charter of our liberties. But beside the violation of personal immunities which alone would constitute a sufficient warrant for us thus publicly to appear, we find an imperious requisition in the peril to which our republican institutions are exposed. Every individual among you who will not openly and unqalifiedly assent to the proscriptive policy and anti-republican doctrines which the leaders of anti-masonry have inscribed broadly and deeply upon their acts, is placed at once without the pale of benefits, and as effectually disfranchised as are the vassals of a despotism. You cannot but know that contrary to every legal, moral or religious principle, they have endeavored to make a large and respectable association of individuals, numbering in their ranks some of the most distinguished patriots of the revolution, and statesmen of subsequent time, responsible for an act respecting which the bounds of probability are transcended, if it be

said that most of them, previous to its commission, could so much as have even heard. This forestalling of the public mind, which is little less than a virtual annihilation of the judicial power, whatever be the magnitude of the innovation, is but the inceptive step in the progress of this second Gallic resolution. The contagion must necessarily extend to every department of the government. The church is to be pruned of the excrescences which, we are told, have so long disfigured it, and as the capstone in this novel order of improvement, the military power is to be composed exclusively of conscripts from political anti-masonry.

Fellow-citizens, in sincerity of heart we are constrained to ask, what solemn event can, by any possibility, have occurred, demanding or even excusing this entire revolution in the polity of our government? So far as we are acquainted with the ostensible reason, it consists in a series of charges against Freemasons, and those who, in the remotest manner, attempt a vindication of their cause.

From the first establishment of civilized communities in this country, till 1826, Masonry existed in every section of it where Christianity obtained, without exciting in the public either fear or jealousy; while the European despotisms were continually harassing and oppressing its members, and in instances which have now become the subject of history, a complete interdiction was enforced, and not infrequently the omnipotent aid of the Inquisition resorted to, that the destruction of the institution might be effected, or its mysteries developed to the observation of the world. These efforts we need not tell you, were utterly of no avail!

At the latter period, the inordinate but laudable feeling which pervaded the public mind, because of a violation of the right of personal security, was manifested by members of the fraternity no less than by others; and the former, as Masons and as citizens, solicitous for the unqualified enjoyment of their privileges, for immunity from harm and as foes to every feature of disorganization, most heartily deprecated and denounced the lawless act.*

There were found in the vicinity where this abduction took place, individuals prepared to take advantage of the excited state of public feeling, and instead of permitting it to pursue a course which, to all appearances, would have resulted in the ample satisfaction of justice, by the signal conviction and exemplary punishment of the guilty, and the consequent exoneration of the innocent from every imputation, were disposed to utterly divert its course, and change a holy demonstration of public feeling into an engine for the erection of a distinct and anomalous party in politics; well knowing that in every faction, the pioneers, from inordinate zeal, entitle themselves indisputably to the spoils of victory. Hence every means was used to secure the end; and this single secret of political Anti-Masonry,

*See the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York.

contains an invincible reason why we are compelled to obtrude ourselves upon the attention of our fellow-citizens.

The consequence of this assimilation of leaders for political warfare, was the establishment of various presses, through which, as channels, every necessary slander which the rankest malignity might require, could with mpunity be poured upon the public ear. This having been done, were we to remain silent, we should be guilty of inflicting no less an injury upon you than upon ourselves. For were we quietly to submit to the dispensation and dissemination of error, and suffer a political party to be built upon it, destructive to the liberties of the people, when we possessed the power of exposing the falsity of the representations, we should, to say the least, display an unwarrantable and reprehensible disregard for the safety of the free institutions under which we live.

As Masons, we have been charged with being accessory to the abduction of William Morgan, with shielding Masons from just punishment for crimes they may have committed, with exercising an influence, through the Masonic character, over the legislative, executive and judiciary branches of our government; with tampering with juries; with exerting an influence for the political preferment of members of the order, because of their membership, in preference to others; with various blasphemous practices; with causing the death of a distinguished Mason, lest he should dissolve his connection with the order; with holding or sanctioning principles at variance with religion and virtue; and with the assumption of a power to judge an individual brother by a law known only to ourselves, and to inflict corporeal punishment, even to that of death.

To each and every one of the above charges, as men whose characters are known in this community, and who rely upon a future accountability, we make reply: In the most solemn manner we positively affirm that of each and all of them, we are entirely *guiltless*, and that Masonry, so far as we are acquainted with it, in no way or manner yields a sanction to the principles or practices which all or each of them include.

As Masons we hold ourselves *guiltless* in any manner of the shedding of human blood; *guiltless* in any manner of conspiring against the liberties or privileges of the people, or endeavoring to monopolize an unequal portion of those privileges to ourselves, or to abridge the rights of others; *guiltless* in any manner of impeding, retarding or diverting the course of justice; *guiltless* in any manner of an intrusion into the three great departments of our government; *guiltless* in any manner of attempting to identify the subject with politics, or of making the latter a matter of discussion or remark; *guiltless* in any manner of performing any rite, or doing any act, immora or irreligious; and *guiltless* in any manner of entertaining the remotest suspicion that the life of a fellow-being was subject to our control.

For the truth of these declarations, solemnly made, we have given you

the strongest pledge which honorable and virtuous men have it in their power to yield.

Which was read and adopted, and subscribed by the following brethren, and ordered that the same be printed:

Nathan B. Haswell, Burlington,
Luther B. Hunt, St. Albans,
Alexander Lovell, Vergennes,
Josiah Shedd, Peacham,
Samuel C. Crafts, Craftsbury,
Harvey Munsell, Bristol,
Joel Page, Putney,
Lot Richardson,
Leman Judson, Shelburn,
Homer E. Hubbell, Halifax,
George W. Hill, Montpelier,
Eleazar Baldwin, Strafford,
George W. Rice, Woodstock,
Gideon Bingham, Troy,
Joseph Howes, Montpelier,
Samuel Goss, Montpelier,
Joel Winch, Northfield,
Daniel Lillie, Bethel,
Araunah Waterman, Montpelier,
Sherman Cummings, Berkshire,
James Dean, Burlington,
Abel Canter, Williamstown,
Thomas Sargeant, Warren,
David Patridge, Northfield,
Chester Nye, Berlin,
Cyrus Johnson, Berlin,
Harvey Boyce,
Lucius Edson,
Jonathan Lewis,
Samuel L. Adams,
Edward Jackson, Brandon,
Silas Hall,
Samuel H. Pardy, Benson,
Stephen S. Sargeant,
Sylvanus Baldwin, Montpelier,
William Eddy, Waterbury,
Jason Carpenter, Moretown,
Orange Smith,
J. K. Parish, Randolph,
Avery Jackson, Randolph,
Andrew Thompson, Burlington,
John Herrick, Burlington,
Jacob Burdett, Brookline,
Simeon Eggleston,
William B. Linell,
Silas Lamb, Westfield,
Philip C. Tucker, Vergennes,
Sumner A. Webber, Rochester.
Thomas F. Hammond, Reading,
Martin Chittenden, Williston,
George B. Shaw, Danville,
John A. Pratt, Woodstock,
Joseph Sawyer,
William Hedden, Albany,
John D. Webster, Berkshire,
John Wheelock, Hinesburg,
Reuben Peck, Lyndon,
Thomas Preston,
Jeduthun Loomis, Montpelier,
Oramel H. Smith, Montpelier,
Isaac Hill, Sheldon.
D. Azro A. Buck, Chelsea,
Ira Owen, Montpelier,
Oramel Patridge, Randolph,
Levi Smith, Duxbury,
George Robinson, Burlington,
Ebenezer T. Englesby, Burlington
Oramel Williams, Warren,
Zenos Myrrick, Bridport,
J. P. Burnham, Brookfield,
Joseph Royes,
William Ripley, Barre,
Waldo W. Ingalls,
Samuel W. Davis,
Benjamin Porter, Northfield,
Barzillai Danforth, Brandon,
Joseph Warner, Sudbury,
James L. Sawyer, Burlington,
Rodney C. Royce, Rutland,
Luke Baker, Putney,
Cyrus Joslin, Waitsfield,
Stephen Haight, Monkton,
Parley Davis, Montpelier,
William Billings, Montpelier,
William Barron, Randolph,
John Purdy, Rutland,
Jesse Hollister, Burlington,
William L. Sowles, Alburgh,
John M. Sowles,
Harry Hill, Vineyard,
John Harding, Kellyvale,
Norman Rublee, Montpelier,

James Smith, Jr., Cavendish,
John E. Palmer, Barre,
John Munson, Williston,
John Bates, Williston,
Erastus Bostwick, Hinesburgh,
Frederick Fuller, Troy,
W. A. Prentiss, Jericho,
Harry Richardson, Montpelier,
Gordon Newell, Pittsford,
H. Thomas, Burlington,
William Pease, Charlotte,
Rufus Colton, Woodstock,
Lewis Robinson, Reading,
Sylvester Edson, Woodstock,
Hyman Holabird, Shelburn,
Socrates Catlin, Burlington,
David Russell, Burlington,
Charles Linsley, Middlebury,
S. Selleck, Middlebury,
Joshua Burnham, Williamstown,
Luman Rublee, Montpelier,
George Worthington, Montpelier,
Denison Smith, Barre,
J. P. Miller, Berlin,
R. R. Keith, Montpelier,
Aaron Barney, Guilford,
Phinehas Bailey, Fairlee,
Paul Chase, Brattleboro,
Samuel Elliot, Brattleboro,
Charles Bulkley, Berlin,
Ebenezer Lewis, Montpelier,
Presbury West, Thetford,
Asa Story, Randolph,
Roswell Butler, Essex,
Asa Wheeler, Cavendish,
Henry Whitney, Burlington,
John VanSicklen, Burlington,
Joshua Upham, Weathersfield,
Reuben Kibbee, Randolph,
Chapin Keith, Barre,
Zera Willoughby, Fletcher,
John Brainard,
Gustavus Loomis, Montpelier,
John Winslow, Berlin,
M. J. Doolittle, Burlington,
John Kellogg, Benson,
Job Lyman, Woodstock,
Joel Brownson, Richmond,
Seth Austin, Bradford,
Nomlas Cobb, Springfield,
Thomas Robinson, Chester,
William Wainwright, Burlington,
John Pomeroy, Burlington,
Timothy Hubbard, Montpelier,
Lorin B. Fillmore, Middlebury,
John H. Colton, Windsor,
Nathan Jewett, Montpelier,
Epaphro. Ransom, Townshend,
Francis Hoy, Castleton,
Samuel Nutt, Hartford,
Jonas Clark, Middletown,
George C. Moore,
Nathan Wood, Vernon,
Joseph Ellis, New Fane,
Martin Field, New Fane,
Daniel Kellogg, Rockingham,
Silas W. Cobb, Montpelier,
Simeon S. Post, Montpelier,
John Moulton, Randolph,
Israel A. Smith, Thetford,
Harvey W. Carpenter, Moretown,
George Chipman, Middlebury,
Nathan Rice, Burlington,
VanRenselaer Coon, Burlington.

On motion of Brother Hunt,

Voted, That two thousand copies of the appeal be printed in a pamphlet form.

On motion of Brother Hunt,

Voted, That the subject of the distribution of the appeal be referred to the District Deputy Grand Masters, and that they instruct the Grand Secretary as to the mode of distribution.

Brother Fletcher introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 7th, 5829.

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to

dd to the annual printed report of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a st of all the secular Lodges within its jurisdiction, with their respective ocations, the times of their regular communications, and the names of the ree first officers of each, and that he shall be allowed the expense of doing o from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the constitution and particular regulations of this Grand odge be printed with the journals of this session.

The committee appointed on the petitions of Mrs. Mann and others ade the following report, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 6th, 5829.

Your committee to whom was referred the petitions of Mrs. Mann, Mrs. tanley and Reuben Kibbee, report: That the general practice of the Grand odge for twelve years past on subjects of private charity is, in the opinion f your committee, wise and salutary, which supposes the subordinate Lodges nd individual brethren the almoners of the institution for the purpose of rivate charity, and that, therefore, the prayer of said petitioners ought not o be granted.

Which report was read and accepted.

The same committee made the following report on the petition of Union odge, No. 5:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 6th, 5829.

Your committee to whom was referred the within petition report: That ey understand this Grand Lodge has authorized their Treasurer to loan on is personal responsibility any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appro-riated; that in the opinion of your committee, it is not the duty of this rand Lodge to interfere, and therefore that the prayer of said petition ught not to be granted.

Which report was read and accepted, and the petitioners had leave to vithdraw their petition.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 8 o'clock to-morrow norning.

Eight o'clock A. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Brother Shedd introduced the following resolution, which was read and dopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8th, 5829.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered the choir of ingers of this village, for their excellent and very acceptable performance at he public religious exercises of yesterday.

The Grand Secretary made report: That the following secular Lodges nder the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have not been represented during his or the past session, viz.:

No. 11, Olive Branch; No. 12, Newton; No. 14, Harmony; No. 16,

Mount Moriah; No. 24, George Washington; No. 31, St. John's; No. 33, Charity; No. 41, St. John's; No. 42, Morning Flower; No. 44, King Solomon's: No. 48, Morning Dawn; No. 60, Mount Anthony; No. 67, Magog; No. 68, New England; No. 70, Phœnix.

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That the District Deputies, under whose jurisdiction are situated those Lodges which have not been represented, and have not paid their dues, within this or the previous session, call upon those Lodges for their charters jewels, etc., unless some satisfactory reasons may be given for their neglect.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

There is due from Brother D. Azro A. Buck, late Grand Secretary, for a balance of money received while Secretary		$98 42
Balance in the hands of our Grand Treasurer, after paying his account of expenditures, of $78.98		615 00
		$714 23
There is due Brother O. H. Smith, after deducting the receipt of $36, including his salary and other accounts for monies paid out by him	$60 06	
The steward's bill for 5829 is	13 06	—73 12
		$641 10

Leaving a balance of funds in the hands of our Grand Treasurer, after paying the above accounts, of six hundred and forty-one dollars and ten cents; which report was read and concurred in.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the sums therein found due from the Grand Lodge.

Brother Haight introduced the following resolution, to wit:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8, 5829.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay Brother Reuben Kibbee twenty-five dollars, in consideration of his uniform attendance upon the sessions of this Lodge as an officer thereof for the last ten years.

Which was read and referred to a committee of three for amendment, viz.: Brothers Tucker, Haight, and Chittenden.

On motion of Brother Howes, the petitions of Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Stanley were referred to the same committee.

The committee appointed on the resolution introduced by Brother Haight made the following report, viz.:

Your committee, appointed upon the petitions of Brother Reuben Kibbee and of Phœbe Mann and Eunice Stanley, report the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to Brother Reuben Kibbee thirty dollars from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay Phœbe Mann and Eunice Stanley, twenty dollars each, from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

The committee appointed to wait on Brother Lovell, reported the following answer:

To Bros. Tucker, Willoughby and Hunt:

With pleasure I must express myself gratified that my hasty production, this day exhibited, meets your approbation, but think it unworthy of publication, and beg leave to withhold it from the press.

Yours, respectfully,

ALEXANDER LOVELL.

October 7, A. L. 5829.

The Grand Secretary nominated, and the Grand Lodge appointed Brother George H. Prentiss, Assistant Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 1, *Vermont.*—John F. Wait, of Windsor, March 16, A. L. 5829; Jabez Delano, of Windsor, June 15, A. L. 5829; James Bailey, of Windsor, June 15, A. L. 5829.

No. 3, *Dorchester.*—Rev. Elias Hurlburt, an entered apprentice.

No. 5, *Union.*—Orrin Stowell, November 3, A. L. 5828; Ezra Jones, June 23, A. L. 5829.

No. 10, *Franklin.*—A. Blain, June 23, A. L. 5827; Jonathan Green, May 5, A. L. 5829.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Charles Carpenter, April 13, A. L. 5829; Calvin Blodgett, April 13, A. L. 5829; Harvey Lamson, April 13, A. L. 5829.

No. 25, *Lamoille.*—John Farnsworth, April 13, A. L. 5829.

No. 38, *Missisquoi.*—Jokton Goodspeed, of Montgomery, December 15, A. L. 5828; William C. Ellsworth, of Berkshire, March 30, A. L. 5829.

No. 40, *Independence.*—Asher Nichols, of Whiting, April 22, 5828; Joseph Clark, of Orwell, February 17, 5829.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Erastus Preston, February 13, A. L. 5829; Levi Taylor. February 13, A. L. 5829; America Amsden, June 18, A. L. 5829; Stephen Spafford, June 18, A. L. 5829; Abel Adams, June 18, A. L. 5829.

No. 49, *Temple.*—Asahel Dow, of Stratford, October 20, A. L. 5828; Jacob Blasdell, of Strafford, October 20, A. L. 5828; Edward B. Pollins, of Strafford, October 20, A. L. 5828; Seth Norton, of Strafford, December 22, A. L. 5828; John Blasdell, of Strafford, January 19, A. L. 5829.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social.*—Willard Glynn, of Clarendon, February 28, A. L. 5828.

No. 53, *Masonic Union.*—Joseph Blodgett, of Walden, January 15, A. L. 5829.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Azariah Rouse, March 18, A. L. 5829.

No. 71, *Libanus.*—Joseph Otis, of Bristol, January 14, 5829.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 9, *Aurora.*—Thomas Reed, of Montpelier, December 29, A. L. 5828.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Daniel Goddard, November 21, A. L. 5828.

No. 55, *King David's.*—David Adams, April, A. L. 5828.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1830.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5830, being the twelfth day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLMORE,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN PURDY,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ORAMEL H. SMITH,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE H. PRENTISS,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. HARRY RICHARDSON,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. and REV. ISAAC HILL,	Assistant Grand Chaplain.
W. ASA GAYLORD,	Grand Tyler.
W. JACOB WASHBURN,	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*

SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—Communications Tuesday on or preceding the full moon. Charles E. Coleston, M.; Martin P. Piney, S. W.; John Burnham, J. W. Represented by James Low, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 3, *Dorchester*, at Vergennes.—Communications Thursday preceding the full moon, excepting in June and December. Philip C. Tucker, M.; Samuel Wilson, S. W.; William Hartshorn, J. W. Represented by P. C. Tucker, M. and proxy for S. W.; Stephen Haight, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—Communications first Monday in each month. Lavius Fillmore, M.; William Nash, S. W.; Nathaniel Foster, J. W. Represented by L. Fillmore, M. and proxy for S. W.; N. Foster, J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 6, *Centre*, at Rutland.—Not represented.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Communications first Wednesday in each month. Nathan B. Haswell, M.; David Russell, S. W.; Socrates Catlin, J. W. Represented by N. B. Haswell M.; David Russell, S. W. and proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet.—Communications Thursday preceding full moon. Jonathan Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W.; Asa S. Jones, J. W. Represented by Milton Brown, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 9, *Aurora*, at Montpelier.—Communications Monday on the week of the full moon. Jeduthun Loomis, M.; Joseph Howes, S. W.; Sylvanus Baldwin, J. W. Represented by J. Loomis, M., and J. Howes, S. W. No dues paid.

No. 10, *Franklin*, at St. Albans.—No returns made. Represented by Luther B. Hunt, M.

No. 11, *Olive Branch*, at Chester.--Not represented.

No. 12, *Newton*, at Arlington.—Communications second Tuesday of each month. Ira Hurd, M.; Timothy Brownson, S. W. Represented by Noah Landon, proxy for M. and S. W. No returns made.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, at Putney.—Communications, Wednesday on or preceding the full moon. Joel Page, M.; Preston W. Taft, S. W.; Humphrey Stoddard, J. W. Represented by James Low, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 14, *Harmony*, at St. Johnsbury.—Ira Armington, M.; Rilew Woods, S. W.; Benjamin P. Brown, J. W. Represented by Joseph Fairbanks, proxy for M., S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 15, *Federal*, at Randolph.—Communications Monday on or preceding the full moon. Abner Nichols, Jr., M.; George Carpenter, S. W.; Avery Jackson, J. W. Represented by G. Carpenter, S. W.; A. Jackson, J. W. Dues paid, $1.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, at Wardsborough.—Communications Monday preceding the full moon in every other month, commencing at November. Peter Hammond, M.; Pearly Fairbank, S. W.; William Kelly, J. W. Represented by Epaphroditus Ransom, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun*, at Craftsbury.—Communications Wednesday of the week of the full moon. William Hidden, M.; Isaac Hovey, S. W.; Hiram Mason, J. W. Represented by William Hidden, M. and proxy for S. W.; Tappan Pearson, proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, at Bridport.—Communications first Wednesday before the full moon. Chester Stevens, M.; Solomon Mason, S. W.; John Brainard, J. W. Represented by James Fletcher, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 19, *Cement*, at Westhaven.—Not represented.

No. 20, *Friendship*, at Charlotte.—Not represented.

No. 21, *Washington*, at Brandon.—Not represented.

No. 24, *George Washington*, at Chelsea.—Daniel Wyman, M.; Daniel Jackson, S. W.; John McClure, J. W. Represented by D. Azro A. Buck, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 25, *Lamoille*, at Fairfax.—Not represented.

No. 26, *Rainbow*, at Middletown.—Communications, Thursday before the full moon.—Merrit Clark, M.; Allen Vail, S. W.; Marcus Stoddard, J.

W. Represented by Eliakim Paul, proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 27, *Morning Star*, at Poultney.—Communications Wednesday nearest the full moon. Samuel Ruggles, M.: Almon Warner, S. W.; Alanson Todd, J. W. Represented by A. Warner, S. W. and proxy for M. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—Richard Bloss, M.; William Peirce, Jr., S. W.; Coit Parkhurst, J. W. Represented by C. Parkhurst, J. W. and proxy for M. and S. W. Dues paid, $1.00.

No. 30, *Farmers'*, at Danby.—Not represented.

No. 31. *St. John's*, at Springfield.—Communications Tuesday preceding the full moon. Luther Hammond, M.; Joshua Leland, S. W.; John Chipman, J. W. Represented by L. Hammond, M. and proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 32, *Blazing Star*, at Newfane.—Not represented.

No. 33, *Charity*, at Newbury.—Not represented.

No. 34, *Columbian*, at Brattleboro.—Communications Tuesday preceding the full moon. John Hodson, M.; Moses Ware, S. W.; Nathan Wood, J. W. Represented by Samuel Root, proxy for M. No dues paid.

No. 35, *United Brethren*, at Hartford.—Not represented.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon*, at Hydepark.—Not represented.

No. 37, *Green Mountain*, at Cavendish and Ludlow.—Communications Thursday on or preceding the full moon. Joshua Warner, M.; Stephen Cummings, S. W.; Addison Fletcher, J. W. Represented by Jacob Washburn, proxy for M.: Abel Baldwin, proxy for S. and J. W. Dues paid $1.00.

No. 38, *Missisquoi*, at Berkshire.—Asa Wheeler, M.; Amherst Willoughby, S. W.: Jesse Nutting, J. W. Represented by Selah B. Upham, proxy for M. Dues paid, $5.00.

No. 39, *Social Masters'*, at Wilmington.--Not represented.

No. 40, *Independence*, at Orwell.--Not represented.

No. 41, *St. John's*, at Thetford.—Communications, Wednesday on the week of thefull moon. Prestbury West, Jr., M.; David Bruce, S. W.; Jessey McClary,J. W. Represented by P. West, Jr., M. Dues paid $1.

No. 42, *Morning Flower*, at Rupert.—Not represented.

No. 43, *Eastern Star*, at Reading.—Communications on or preceding the full moon. Thomas F. Hammond, M.; Amasa Parker, S. W.: John W. Emery, J. W. Represented by Abel Gibson, Jr., proxy for M. and S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 44, *King Solomon's*, at Rockingham.—Not represented.

No. 45, *King Hiram*, at Waitsfield.—Joseph Sawyer, M.: Orange Smith, S. W.; Lewis Holden, J. W. Represented by J. Sawyer, M. No dues paid.

No. 46, *Adoniram*, at Manchester.—Not represented.

No. 47, *Central*, at Townshend.—Not represented.

No. 48, *Morning Dawn*, at Waterford.—Not represented.

No. 49, *Temple*, at Strafford.—Communications Monday on the week of the full moon. Moses Lane, M.; Nathan Young, S. W.; John Kent, J. W. Represented by Nathaniel Morrill, proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

No. 50, *Columbus*, at Alburgh.—Not represented.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social*, at Clarendon.—Not represented.

No. 52, *Rural*, at Stockbridge and Rochester.—Sumner A. Webber, M. No returns made. Represented by S. A. Webber, M.

No. 53, *Masonic Union*, at Westfield.—Communications, Thursday preceding the full moon. Jairus Stebbins, M.; Otis Leland, S. W.; Chester Coburn, J. W. Represented by Silas Lamb, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 54, *Isle of Patmos*, at South Hero.—Robinson Ferris, M.; Henry H. Reynolds, S. W.; Hector Adams, J. W. Represented by Harry Hill, proxy for M. No dues paid.

No. 55, *King David's*, at Waterbury.—Communications, Tuesday on or preceding the full moon. William B. Linell, M.; Levi Smith, S. W.; Samuel C. Smith, J. W. Represented by W. B. Linell, M.; L. Smith, S. W.; S. C. Smith, J. W. Dues paid, $3.00.

No. 56, *McDonough*, at Essex.—Not represented.

No. 57, *Seneca*, at Milton.—Communications Thursday preceding the full moon. John M. Dewey, M.; Henry H. Woods, S. W.; Sylvester Ward, J. W. Represented by J. M. Dewey, M., and proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 58, *North Star*, at Williston.—Communications first Thursday in each month. John Bates, M.; David A. Murray, S. W.; Apollos Smith, J. W. Represented by John Munson, proxy for M. No dues paid.

No. 59, *Social Masters'*, at Williamstown.—Communications Tuesday on or preceding the full moon. Joel Winch, M.; Reuben Peck, S. W.; Bradford Newcomb, J. W. Represented by J. Winch, M.; Bradford Newcomb, J. W. No dues paid.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony*, at Bennington.—Communications Tuesday on or preceding the full moon. Samuel H. Blackmer, M.; Hyman Tuttle, S. W.; David Henry, J. W. Represented by S. H. Blackmer, M., and proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

No. 61, *Unity*, at Lyndon.—Not represented.

No. 62, *Ancient Landmark*, at Peacham.—Isaiah Silver, M.; Elijah M. Davis, S. W.; C. W. Bloss, J. W. Represented by I. Silver, M., and proxy for J. W. No dues paid.

No. 63, *Patriot*, at Hinesburgh.—Communications Tuesday on the week of the full moon. Erastus Bostwick, M.; Daniel Patrick, Jr., S. W.; Orrin

[urray, J. W. Represented by Daniel Patrick, Jr., S. W., and proxy for [.; John Wheelock, proxy for J. W. Dues paid, $2.00.

No. 64. *Cambridge Union*, at Cambridge.—Not represented.

No, 65, *Rural*, at Plainfield,—Horace Pitkin, M.; Silas Williams, Jr., . W.; James Pitkin, J, W. Represented by S. Williams Jr., S. W. No eturns made.

No. 66. *White Stone*, at Concord.—Not represented.

No. 67, *Mizpah*, at Coventry.—Communications Wednesday on the week f the full moon. Elijah Cleavland, M.; Thomas Jameson, S. W.; Ebenezer I. Gray, J. W. Represented by Charles Strong, proxy for M. and S. W. No dues paid.

No. 68. *New England*, at Pittsford.—Not represented.

No. 69. *Minerva*, at Corinth.—Communications Wednesday on or receding the full moon. John Robie, M.; Peter Grattan, S. W.; William Richardson, J. W. Represented by Plant S. Poor, proxy for M. No dues aid.

No. 70, *Phœnix*, at Derby.—Not represented.

No. 71, *Libanus*, at Bristol.—Communications Wednesday preceding he full moon. Harvey Munsell, M.; Enos Partch, S. W.; Griswold W. racy, J. W. Represented by H. Munsell, M. and proxy for S. and J. W. No dues paid.

No. 72, *Seventy-Six*, at Swanton.—James Platt, M.; Harvey Ingalls, S. V.; L. Robinson, J. W. Represented by J. Platt, M. and proxy for S. and . W. Dues paid, $2.50.

No. 73, *Liberty*, at Sheldon.—Communications, Wednesday preceding he full moon. Isaac Hill, M.; G. W. Kimball, S. W.; Henry Chamberlin, . W. Represented by I. Hill, M. and proxy for S. W. No dues paid.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1 was ead and accepted. The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9 was read and accepted. The report of the District Deputy or District No. 10, was read and accepted, and referred to a committee of hree. The District Deputy for District No. 4 made a verbal report which was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Present as in the morning, and R. W. Philip C. Tucker, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Luther B. Hunt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. S. A. Webber, Grand Junior Deacon.

Brother L. B. Hunt appeared as the Master of Franklin Lodge, No. 10, and was excused by the Grand Lodge from making a return.

Verbal reports were made of King Hiram's Lodge No. 45; Rural Lodge. No. 52, and Rural Lodge, No. 65, which were accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments of committees, viz.:

On the report of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10, Brothers Joel Winch, John Purdy and Lavius Fillmore.

On the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Brothers Philip C. Tucker, David Russell and Silas Lamb.

On the committee on finance, Brothers Stephen Haight, Samuel H. Blackmer and James Low.

On the committee on petitions for new Lodges, Bros. Luther B. Hunt, James Low and Luther Hammond.

Bro. Upham presented the petition of Missisquoi Lodge, No. 38, for leave to hold their communications at their new hall in Berkshire, which was read and referred to the committee on new Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation till a quarter before 5 o'clock, P. M.

Quarter before five o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

The roll of members was called, and the number of votes determined, and the following brethren were appointed tellers, viz.:

Bros. Jeduthun Loomis, Harvey Munsell and Harry Richardson.

At 5 o'clock, P. M. the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the following named brethren were elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively:

M. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Luther B. Hunt, of St. Albans,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Wyllys Lyman, of Hartford,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Oramel H. Smith, of Montpelier,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Thomas F. Hammond of Rochester,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Sumner A. Webber, of Rochester,	Grand Junior Deacon.

Bro. Lamb introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

In Grand Lodge, October 12, 5830.

Resolved, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to take into consideration the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters and report thereon such facts as may in their opinion communicate to this Grand Lodge the general state of Masonry within this jurisdiction.

On which Bros. Lamb, Webber and G. H. Prentiss were appointed.

The report of the District Deputy for District No. 11, was read and accepted, and referred to the committee raised on the resolution introduced by Bro. Lamb.

The report of the District Deputy for District No. 6, was read and referred to the committee last mentioned.

Brother George H. Prentiss introduced the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow morning, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 12, 1830.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hereafter rigidly enforce that provision of its by-laws, which relates to a forfeiture of the charters of such secular Lodges within its jurisdiction, as for two successive years fail of representation in this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 13, eight o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee on petitions for new Lodges made the following report, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5830.

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Missisquoi Lodge, No. 38, report, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that they have leave to remove the Lodge to the new Masonic Hall in Berkshire.

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That Missisquoi Lodge, No. 38, have leave to hold their communications hereafter at their new Masonic Hall in Berkshire, agreeably to the foregoing report.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Silas C. French, W. George W. Hill, W. John Goldsbury, W. Harvey W. Carpenter, Grand Stewards; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler; W. Asa Patridge, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal; W. Abel Baldwin, Grand Sword Bearer.

The resolution introduced by Brother G. H. Prentiss, respecting the forfeiture of charters, was called up and after discussion was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the District Deputy for District No. 10, made a report on the same, which was read and accepted.

Brother Baldwin introduced the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 1830.

Resolved, That there be a committee consisting of the Grand Master, together with the District Deputies in each Masonic District, to enquire into

the expediency of establishing an asylum for the education of the indigent orphan children of deceased brethren, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of the State, and to lay the subject before each secular Lodge in their Districts to ascertain what funds may probably be expected from each, if the same should go into effect; and likewise to ascertain what individual donations may be expected in aid of the object, and make their report to the Grand Lodge at the next session.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of subordinate Lodges in the several Masonic Districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

For District No. 1, Sumner A. Webber, of Rochester; No. 2, Martin Roberts, of Manchester; No. 3, Luther Ferre, of Bridport; No. 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, John M. Dewey, of Milton; No. 6, Harvey W. Carpenter, of Moretown; No. 7, Isaac Hill, of Sheldon; No. 8, Asa Keyes, 2d, of Putney; No. 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; No. 10, William Hidden, of Albany; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of attending the public exercises of the day.

Three o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, report: That during the past year the Grand Secretary has received the journals of the Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky and Ohio, and that upon a thorough perusal they are found to be confined principally to the ordinary local business of their respective States, and show a very gratifying interest in all the affairs and attention to the interests of the order. We find occasionally that the journals contain addresses to the Craft of a very interesting character. Some of them have been delivered by the Grand Masters, and others by the Grand Chaplains, or orators of their respective Lodges. An address by the M. W. Samuel Fessenden, Past Grand Master of the State of Maine, appears to your committee to be of a character highly calculated to enlighten the ignorant, confirm the doubting and convince the candid of the correctness and purity of our Masonic principles. Another address by the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Louis H. Ferand, appears also of a character highly interesting to the order; and as a means of placing before our brethren, and the public generally, the principles of the fraternity in other States, the publication of these addresses in the Masonic papers of this State is respectfully recommended.

Which report was read and accepted and voted, that the addresses therein mentioned be published.

Several verbal returns were accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hidden introduced the following resolution, which was read and after amendment was adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 5830.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on the R. W. and Rev. Isaac Hill, and present him with the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his sermon this day delivered, together with the sum of twenty dollars.

Bro. G. H. Prentiss introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 13, 1830.

Resolved, That at every communication of this Grand Lodge an individual brother be appointed to deliver an address at the succeeding regular communication of the same, and that the delivery of this address be made part of the public exercises.

Bro. George H. Prentiss was appointed to deliver a public address before the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

The resolution introduced by Brother Baldwin was called up and adopted by an unanimous vote.

The commmittee to whom was referred the several returns of the District Deputy Grand Masters made a report which was read and accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. Alexander Lovell, of Vergennes, Grand Chaplain; R. W. and Rev. Ira Ingraham, Assistant Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till half-past 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 14th, 5830, half-past 7 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The Grand Secretary made report: That the following secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have not been represented during this or the past session, viz.:

Olive Branch, No. 12; Blazing Star, No. 32; Charity, No. 33; Mount Vernon, No. 36; Morning Flower, No. 42; King Solomon's, No. 44; Adoniram, No. 46; Morning Dawn, No. 48; Unity, No. 61; New England, No. 68; Phœnix, No. 70.

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to apprise said Lodges of their delinquency and of the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge respecting the forfeiture of charters.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Balance in the hands of our Grand Treasurer, after paying his account of $198.87		$425 28
There is due Brother O. H. Smith, after deducting the receipt of $21.00, including his salary and other accounts for monies by him paid out	$40.34	
The Steward's bill	15.90	— 55 34
		$369 84
Paid Brother G. W. Hill, by Brother D. A. A. Buck, for printing journals, &c., for the year 5827		$40 34
Paid W. Spooner, by Brother D. A. A. Buck		35 00
Making		$75 67

To be deducted out of the sum of $98.43, the sum found due from Bro. Buck in the year 5829.

Leaving a balance of funds in the hands of our Grand Treasurer, after paying the above accounts, of three hundred sixty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents.

Which report was read and concurred in.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the sums therein found due from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. George H. Prentiss, Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS, RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

EXPULSIONS.

No. 5, *Union.*—John P. Buttolph, of New Haven, September 1, 5830. George D. Jewett, of New Haven, September 6, 5830.

No. 14, *Harmony.*—Ebenezer Eaton, Timothy Hazelton, of Danville, Abel Butler, of St. Johnsbury, John Haws, of Barnet, February 18, 5829. Ransom Bodwell, of Danville, December 9, 5829.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Jonathan Webster, of Springfield, Noah Safford, Edmund Durrin, of Springfield, Jewett Boynton, Jr., and Addison Streeter, of Weathersfield, September 28, 5830.

No. 34, *Columbian.*—Samuel Farewell, September 28, 5830.

No. 43, *Eastern Star.*—Nehemiah Parker, Jr., and Lyman Boutwell, of Windsor, 5830.

No. 57, *Seneca.*—Smyton Irish, December 18, 5828.

No. 67, *Magog.*—Lyman Case, Norman Cleveland, February 2, 5830.

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 18, *Morning Sun.*—George Campbell, indefinitely, April 7, 5830.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 30, *Missisquoi.*—Jokton Goodspeed, of Montgomery, December 7, 829.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1831.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October, A. L. 5831, being the eleventh day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. LEMUEL WHITNEY,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. SILAS BOWEN,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. SUMNER A. WEBBER,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ORAMEL H. SMITH,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE H. PRENTISS,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R. W. JOHN S. WEBSTER,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. HARRY RICHARDSON,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. and REV. ROBINSON SMILIE,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. ASA GAYLORD,	Grand Tyler.
W. LUMAN RUBLEE,	Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN NASON,	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*

SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—Charles E. Coleston, M.; John Burnham, S. W.; John Allison, J. W. Represented by C. E. Coleston, M., and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 3, *Dorchester*, at Vergennes.—Philip C. Tucker, M.; Samuel Wilson, S. W.; William Hartshorn, J. W. Represented by Stephen Haight, proxy for M.

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—Lavius Fillmore, M.; Ira Gifford, S. W.; Martin Wood, J. W. Represented by L. Fillmore, M., and as proxy for J. W.

No. 6, *Centre*, at Rutland.—Hiram Watkins, M.; Luther Thrall, S. W.; Joel M. Mead, J. W. Represented by John Purdy, proxy for M.; Rodney C. Royce, proxy for S. W.; Moses Strong, proxy for J. W.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Nathan B. Haswell, M.; David Russell, S. W.; Socrates Catlin, J. W. Represented by Nathan B. Haswell. M.; D. Russell, S. W, and as proxy for J. W.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet.—Jonathan Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W.; Asa S. Jones, J.W. Represented by Jonathan Robinson, M., and as proxy for J. W.; Appleton Fitch, proxy for S. W.

No. 9, *Aurora*, at Montpelier.—Jeduthun Loomis, M.; Joseph Howes,

S. W.; Sylvanus Baldwin, J. W. Represented by J. Loomis, M.; J. Howes, S. W.

No. 10, *Franklin*, at St. Albans.—John Nason, M.; Josiah F. Chamberlain, S. W.; David Reed, J. W. Represented by John Nason, M., and Jeduthun Spooner, as proxy for J. W.

No. 12, *Newton*, at Arlington.—Abel Aylsworth, M.; Timothy Brownson, S. W.; William Hoyt, J. W. Represented by Anthony J. Haswell, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, at Putney.—Preston W. Taft, M.; James Harris, S. W.; Jeremiah Ryon, J. W. Represented by Asa Keyes, 2d, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 15, *Federal.*—George Carpenter, M.; Avery Jackson, S. W.; Selah Benton, J. W. Represented by G. Carpenter, M.; A. Jackson, S. W.; and Daniel Williams, as proxy for J. W.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, at Bridport.—Chester Stephens, M.; John Brainard, S. W.; William B. Benjamin, J. W. Represented by W. B. Benjamin, J. W. and as proxy for M.; Joseph Kitchel, proxy for S. W.

No. 19, *Cement*, at West Haven.—John P. Colburn, M.; Hezekiah Bosworth, S. W.; Oliver Merronville, J. W. Represented by Barnabas Ellis, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 20, *Friendship*, at Charlotte.—Leman Judson, M.; Caleb E. Barton, S. W.; Elanson H. Wheeler, J. W. Represented by Elanson H. Wheeler, J. W. and as proxy for M.

No. 21, *Washington*, at Brandon.—George W. Keely, M.; Hiram B. Strong, S. W.; Thomas Davenport, J. W. Represented by H. B. Strong, S. W. and as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 25, *Lamoille*, at Fairfax.—Joseph Parmalee, M.; Hilkial Pierce, S. W.; James Bellows, J. W. Represented by Asa S. Gove, proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 27, *Morning Star*, at Poultney.—Samuel Ruggles, M.; Almon Warner, S. W.; Alanson Todd, J. W. Represented by S. Ruggles, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—William Pierce, Jr., M.; George Lyman, S. W.; Joel Day, J. W. Represented by M. and S. and J. W.

No. 30, *Farmers'*, at Danby.—Nathan Weller, M.; Josiah Philips, S. W.; Lyman R. Fiske, J. W. Represented by Israel Fiske, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 31, *St. John's*, at Springfield.—Luther Hammond, M.; Elias Damon, S. W.; Jesse H. Adams, J. W. Represented by Robinson Smilie, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 34, *Columbian*, at Brattleboro.—John Hodson, M.; Moses Ware, S. W.; Nathan Blood, J. W. Represented by Lemuel Whitney, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon*, at Hyde Park.—Joseph Sears, M.; Abner Flanders, S. W.; Gamaliel Taylor, J. W. Represented by Sewall Newton, proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 37, *Green Mountain*, at Cavendish and Ludlow.—Abel Baldwin, M.; Addison Fletcher, S. W.; Jacob Washburn J. W. Represented by A. Baldwin, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No, 38, *Missisquoi.*—Asa Wheeler, M.; Samuel S. Butler, S. W.; Amherst Willoughby, J. W. Represented by O. F. Robinson, proxy for M.; John S. Webster, proxy for J. W.

No. 40, *Independence*, at Orwell.—Wait Branch, M.; Reuben Webb, S. W.; Leicester Griswold, J. W. Represented by Barnard Ketchum, proxy for M.; Enoch Smith, Jr., proxy for S. W.; O. Walker, proxy for J. W.

No. 41, *St. John's*, at Thetford.—Israel H. Smith, M.; Daniel Bruce, S. W.; Jessse McClary, J. W. Represented by George May, proxy for J. W.; J. H. Smith, M.

No. 43, *Eastern Star*, at Reading.—Thomas F. Hammond, M.; Amasa Parker, S. W.; John W. Emery, J. W. Represented by T. F. Hammond, M. and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 45, *King Hiram*, at Waitsfield.—Orange Smith, M.; Lewis Holden, S. W.; A. C. Noble, J. W. Represented by M., S. and J. W.

No. 47, *Central*, at Townhend.—Ebenezer Huntington, M.; Lafayette Marsh, S. W.; Moses Chamberlain, J. W. Represented by E. Huntington, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 49, *Temple*, at Strafford.—Nathan Young, M.; John Kent, S. W.; Nathaniel Morrill, J. W. Represented by Jonathan Frary, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 51, *Clarendon Social*, at Clarendon.—Horatio Beal, M.; Harvey Shaw, S. W.; Ozias B. Hosford, J. W. Represented by Silas Bowen, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 52, *Rural*, at Stockbridge and Rochester.—Sumner A. Webber, M.; Ruel Lincoln, S. W.; Ira Cooper, J. W. Represented by S. A. Webber, M.

No. 56, *McDonough*, at Essex.—Eli Stockwell, M.; Daniel Littlefield, S. W.; Solomon Baker, J. W. Represented by Udney H. Penniman, as proxy for J. W.

No. 58, *North Star*, at Williston.—John Bates, M.; Daniel K. Murray, S. W.; John Wright, J. W. Represented by John Bates, M., and proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 59, *Social Masters'*, at Williamstown.—Reuben Peck, M.; Bradford Newcomb, S. W.; John Weeks, J. W. Represented by M. and S. and J. W.

No. 60, *Mount Anthony*, at Bennington.—Samuel H. Blackmer, M.; Hyman Tuttle, S. W.; David Henry, J. W. Represented by S. H. Blackmer, M., and proxy for S. W., and Hiland Hall, proxy for J. W.

No. 64, *Cambridge Union*, at Cambridge.—Isaac Griswold, M.; Don

Carlos Hatch, S. W.; Francis Green, J. W. Represented by Zerah Willoughby, proxy for M. and J. W.; O. S. Gallup, proxy for S. W.

No. 67, *Magog*, at Coventry.--Elijah Cleaveland, M.; Thomas Jameson, S. W.; E. W. Gray, J. W. Represented by Charles Strong, as proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 69, *Minerva*, at Corinth.—John M. Robie, M.; William Richardson S. W.; Samuel Fitch, J. W. Represented by P. S. Poor, proxy for M.

The District Deputies for Districts No. 1 and 9 made reports which were accepted.

The resolutions of Hiram Lodge, No. 8, and Morning Sun Lodge, No. 18, disapproving the surrender of the charters, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till two o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The M. W. Grand Master made the appointment of the following committees, viz.:

On the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Strong, Willoughby and Keyes.

On the committee on finance, Bros. Huntington, Blackmer and H. Reed.

The M. W. Grand Master communicated the following address:

My Brethren:

The Almighty and Righteous Governor of the Universe has again permitted us to assemble within these walls. dedicated to Him, to Virtue, and to Universal Benevolence, to discharge the high and responsible trust committed to us as Masons; we have implored His blessing upon our labors, and should in full and cheerful confidence rely upon His arm for support.

It has been customary at the commencement of a session of this Grand Lodge for the presiding officer to make a formal communication, and my apology for deviating from the usual course is the short time allowed us for transacting the ordinary as well as extraordinary concerns that are to engage our attention, some of which I shall briefly note.

The Grand Chapter of this State have notified an adjourned meeting at this place to-morrow. Many of our brethren are members of that body—our business talents should therefore be called into requisition that we may complete our labors in season for their convenience.

On the 10th day of July last, I received a communication signed by several brethren of Woodstock, requesting me as Grand Master to call a special session of the Grand Lodge, to consider the question of dissolving the Institution of Masonry in this State. The communication with my reply will be laid before you.

As the representative of a subordinate chapter, I attended a communica-

tion of the Grand Chapter of this State in August last, when I found a similar proposition had been laid before that body for dissolving its connections with Masons, and surrendering its charter. There appeared, however, among those present at that communication a decided wish and determination to sustain the Institution in the State; its friends did not press decision, but consented to postpone the question until after the present session of this Grand Lodge.

On a subject so deeply interesting as the one pending before the Grand Chapter, and embraced in the communication from our Woodstock brethren, I deemed it my duty to use every exertion to ensure a general attendance of the members of the Grand Lodge, and accordingly directed the Grand Secretary to issue the required notice to the secular Lodges.

The promptness with which you have met the summons is an earnest of your steadfast attachment to the order.

After my return from the Grand Chapter in August, that we might be availed of the wisdom and advice of distinguished Masons without the State, I opened a correspondence with the Grand Officers of such States as might enable me to receive their communications previous to the present session. This correspondence, embracing answers from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of New York, Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Delaware, Grand Master of Maryland, and Grand Master of Massachusetts, will be laid before you, and I shall cherish the hope that this Grand Lodge will respond to the Masonic sentiments contained in their communications.

The session of the Grand Lodge of Vermont at the present period becomes deeply interesting in consequence of the open as well as concealed attacks made upon our Institution, and of the disturbed state into which not only our own but other societies, churches, families, with many of the kind connections of the Christian and social relations of life are thrown by men who are seeking self-aggrandizement and elevation to political power.

Masonic Lodges have existed in this State for nearly half a century. They are older than our State Government. We have existed as a Grand Lodge since the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, a period of seven years; and what have Masons in Vermont done, that this widespread ruin should visit us? We have made repeated and solemn appeals to our fellow-citizens, our neighbors, and those endeared to us by the solemn ties of kindred and friendship.* In return we have been met with reproaches and persecution, our honest intentions misrepresented, our rights as Masons, our rights as freemen, abridged, and our characters traduced. What shall now be done? Will you permit me to answer the question? Breast the storm! and when a calm

* A solemn and dignified appeal was made by the Grand Lodge, and sent to the people in October, 5829.

succeeds and the moral ruins shall be made bare, an injured and insulted public will reinstate us in our rights, and visit the despoilers with infamy and disgrace.

We are a Frontier Post in Masonry, and as such are receiving at the present time the combined attack of foreign and domestic foes in our own and neighboring States.

The eyes of the Christian and the Philanthropist are upon us, viewing the conflict, watching to see whether we capitulate and surrender our Masonic Citadel; and this day, my brethren, will decide whether in Vermont it stands or falls. Although a frontier post in Masonry, our mountains and "the everlasting hills" by which this hall is surrounded, planted by God as monuments of His unchangeableness, and from which we may glean lessons of wisdom, should be emblematic of our firmness and moral courage, in resisting encroachments, thus showing to our brethren in other States, and throughout the world, our continued fidelity in sustaining and defending our altar and our principles.

NATHAN B. HASWELL,
Grand Master.

The roll of the members was called and the number of votes determined, and the following brethren appointed tellers, viz.: Bros. Willoughby, Loomis and H. H. Reed.

Bro. Strong introduced a resolution to dissolve the Masonic Institution in this State, which was amended by him by adopting the resolution introduced by Bro. G. H. Prentiss, which is as follows, to wit.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 11, 5831.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to report a resolution, recommending an unqualified surrender to this Grand Lodge of the charters of the several secular Lodges under its jurisdiction, and that this Grand Lodge henceforth abandon all convocations as a Masonic body.

Which resolution was read and ordered to lie upon the table.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the communications received by him from officers of foreign Grand Lodges, which were, on motion, read.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor, for half an hour.

Half past seven o'clock, P. M.—On the call of Bro. R. C. Royce, the resolution relative to the surrender of the charters was taken up. when Bro. Stephen Haight moved that said resolution be dismissed, on which question a very able discussion was had, in which Bros. Strong, Royce, Haight, N. B. Haswell, Prentiss, Hall, Willoughby, Reed, and many other brethren took a part.

On the final decision of the question on motion the yeas and noes were ordered.

Ayes, 99. Noes, 19.

So said resolution was dismissed.

On motion, postponed the election of officers till to-morrow morning.

After prayer, the Grand Lodge was called from labor till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Eight o'clock A. M. October 19th, 5831. The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother Abel Baldwin introduced a petition from Green Mountain Lodge, No. 37, for leave to hold their communications either in Cavendish or Ludlow, at the discretion or election of the members of said Lodge, instead of holding them alternately in Proctorsville, in said Cavendish, and Ludlow, two years in each place.

Which was read and leave granted accordingly.

The petition of Lyman Mower and others from Woodstock, praying that the funds of Warren Lodge, No. 23, may be granted to the Woodstock Institute, was read and referred to a committee of three, viz.: Brothers Whitney, H. H. Reed and Blackmer.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the ballots being taken, sorted and counted, it appeared that the following brethren were elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively:

M. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Lavius Fillemore, of Middlebury,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Oramel H. Smith, of Montpelier,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Sumner A. Webber, of Rochester,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Harry Richardson, of Montpelier,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Luman Rublee, Grand Steward; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler; W. John Nason, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal; W. Abel Baldwin, Grand Sword Bearer.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Lyman Mower and others, made the following report, viz.:

We the undersigned committee, appointed on the within petition, beg

leave to report: That the prayer of the petition ought so far to be granted as respects the funds and demands in their possession, and no further.

L. WHITNEY,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That Bro. Joseph Churchill be a trustee for the purpose, in the above report mentioned, and that the funds and demands be granted, agreeable to said report.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made a report, which was read and recommitted to the same committee.

Bro. S. A. Webber introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our Bro. the Rev. R. Smilie, for his services as Chaplain to this Grand Lodge, during the present session, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of ten dollars.

On motion of Bro. H. H. Reed,

Voted, That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated for the purpose of repairing the hall of the Grand Lodge, and that Bro. Daniel Baldwin be a committee to superintend the repairs.

On motion,

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay Bro. Joel Winch the sum of fifteen dollars, for his services as District Deputy Grand Master.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of subordinate Lodges, in the several Masonic Districts, to be District Deputy Grand Masters, for the year ensuing, and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Anthony J. Haswell, of Bennington; No. 3, Asahel Parsons, of Middlebury; No. 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, John Brown, of Williston; No. 6, Harvey W. Carpenter, of Moretown; No. 7, Amherst Willoughby, of Berkshire; No. 8, Ebenezer Huntington, of Acton; No. 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; No. 10, William Hidden, of Craftsbury; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Lodge attend the public exercises of this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M. October 12.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation, for the purpose of attending the public exercises.

Five o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Bro. Smilie introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the secular Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be recommended to hold but two communications in the year—one for good order and discipline and instruction in Masonry, the other for the yearly choice of officers.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz.:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 12, 5831.

Your committee to whom was referred the communications from foreign Grand Lodges, beg leave to report: That they have examined the communications so far as they had time, and find their general character to be merely the ordinary proceedings of the Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge; and require no particular notice, except the communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, which is an address from the Grand Lodge to the people of that State, and a circular from the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge recommending that the Grand Lodge of this State make a similar address to the people of this State. Your committee, believing said address to have had a free circulation in this State, think nothing more is necessary than to place the same in the archives of this Grand Lodge. And they further report, that they do not think it expedient at this time to make a similar address, by this Grand Lodge, to the people of this State.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. STRONG,
For Committee.

Brother Russell introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brother G. H. Prentiss for his excellent address this day delivered, and request of him a copy for publication, and that the sum of thirty dollars be directed to be paid him by the treasurer of said Lodge.

On motion, Brother N. B. Haswell was appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the address.

The committee on finance made the following report of the funds of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

That there is due Brother Oramel H. Smith, after deducting the receipt of $2.00, including his salary and other expenses and accounts for monies by him paid out, the sum of..... $78 75

That there appears to be due from our Brother D. A. A. Buck, our former Grand Secretary, with interest on the same since October, 1829..... $22 73

Also that there is a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer after paying his account of $103.34 as appears by his vouchers up to October 11, 1831 ..... $321 94

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That the treasurer pay the sum found due as above.

On motion of Brother Reed,

Voted, That the District Deputies be not hereafter required to wait after the close of the session of the Grand Lodge for the purposes contained in a resolution heretofore adopted.

On motion of Brother Reed,

Voted, To dispense with the printing of the journal of the Grand Lodge for this year.

On motion of Brother Russell,

Voted, That five hundred copies of the address be published and that the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated to defray the expense of printing, and that the address be distributed as the Grand Master shall direct.

On motion of Brother Webber,

Voted, that the resolution passed last year, respecting the forfeiture of charters, be rescinded.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

R. W. and Rev. Robinson Smilie, Grand Chaplain; W. Silas C. French, Grand Steward.

On motion of Brother Winch,

Voted, That the Grand Lodge will dispense with the appointment of an orator for the next session.

The Grand Secretary nominated and the Grand Lodge appointed Brother George H. Prentiss, Assistant Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE, BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

No. 15, *Federal.*—James Tarbox, of Randolph, December, 5830.

No. 21, *Washington.*—Rev. Abiathar Knapp, September 8, 5830.

No. 31, *St. John's.*—Sumner H. Porter, September 27, 5831.

Green Mountain.—Nathaniel T. Sprague, of Mount Holly, John White and Reuben Washburn, of Ludlow, Asa Briggs, of Plymouth, Jabez Proctor, of Cavendish.

No. 41, *St. John's.*—Isaac Cummings, April 27, 5831.

No. 36, *Mount Vernon.*—Jacob Mills, of Hydepark, September 21, 5831, Simeon Lyman, of Johnson.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1832.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday in October, A. L. 5832, being the 9th day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ORAMEL H. SMITH,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. BRADFORD NEWCOMB,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. and Rev. ROBINSON SMILIE,	Grand Chaplain.
W. ASA GAYLORD,	Grand Tyler.
W. LUMAN RUBLEE,	Grand Steward.
W. JOHN NASON,	Grand Pursuivant.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The following Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge appeared :

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—Lavius Fillemore, M.; Reuben Saxton, S. W.; Martin Hopkins, J. W. Represented by L. Fillemore, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Nathan B. Haswell, M.; David Russell, S. W.; Socrates Catlin, J. W. Represented by Nathan B. Haswell, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet.—Jonathan Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W.; Asa S. Jones, J. W. Represented by Appleton Fitch, proxy for M. and S. W.

No. 10, *Franklin*, at St. Albans.—John Nason, M.; Joshua Doan, S. W.; Orlando Stevens, J. W. Represented by John Nason, M., and Orlando Stevens, J. W.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Avery Jackson, M.; Hiram Kimball, S. W.; Oren Edson, J. W. Represented by A. Jackson, M. and as proxy for J. W.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun*, at Craftsbury.—William Hidden, M.; Isaac Harvey, S. W.; Daniel Dustin, J. W. Represented by H. Hidden, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—Nathan Kimball, M.; Lovell Hibbard, S. W.; Samuel Lillie, J. W. Represented by N. Kimball, M., and L. Hibbard, S. W.

No. 31, *St. John's*, at Springfield.—Moses Cobb, M.; Elias Damon, S. W.; William Dyer, J. W.—Represented by Robinson Smilie, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 56, *McDonough*, at Essex.—Daniel Littlefield, M.; Solomon Baker, S. W.; Walter Freeman, J. W.

No. 59, *Social Masters'*, at Williamstown.—Reuben Peck, M.; Bradford Newcomb, S. W.; Thomas S. Paine, J. W. Represented by the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor, till two o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.—The District Deputies for Districts Nos. 9 and 10, made reports, which were accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master made the appointment of the following committees:

On the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Winch, Stevens and Fitch.

On the committee on finance, Bros. Kimball, Stevens and Hibbard.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor, till 5 o'clock, P. M.

Five o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The roll of the members was called, the number of votes determined, and the following brethren were appointed tellers, viz.: Bros. Richardson and Stephens.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the ballots being taken, sorted, and counted, it appeared that the following brethren were elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively:

M. W. Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. Philip C. Tucker, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Lavius Fillemore, of Middlebury,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Joseph Howes, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Oramel H. Smith, of Montpelier,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Sumner A. Webber, of Rochester,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Henry Richardson, of Montpelier,	Grand Junior Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing, viz.:

W. Luman Rublee, W. Silas French, Grand Stewards; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler; W. John Nason, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal; W. Abel Baldwin, Grand Sword Bearer.

The committee on finance made the following report:

That there is in the hands of our former Grand Secretary,

D. A. A. Buck, belonging to the Grand Lodge, and interest on the same..... $22 73

That there is in the hands of the present Grand Treasurer, as per his account herewith submitted and allowed..... 164 19

$186 92

And that there is due from this Grand Lodge to our present Grand Secretary, being the amount of his account..... $36 51

Leaving a balance due the Grand Lodge. $150 41

Which report was read and accepted.

Voted, That the treasurer pay the sum found due as above, and that the present secretary be a committee to settle with Brother Buck, and receive the amount of money in his hands.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 10th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution therein adopted, to wit :

Your committee to whom was referred the communications from foreign Grand Lodges beg leave to report that communications have been submitted to them from Louisiana, Ohio, Missouri, Alabama, North Carolina, Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Nova Scotia; and that they find nothing in those communications that requires any action of this Grand Lodge, except that it be the address of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, as published in the journals of the Grand Lodge of New York, on which your committee would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That we approve of the sentiments expressed in the address of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, as being the true sentiments of Masonry.

JOEL WINCH,
For Committee.

Voted, That the foregoing resolution, together with the address therein referred to, be published in all the newspapers in this State, disposed to insert the same.

The following named brethren were nominated by the representatives of the subordinate Lodges in the several Masonic Districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, and were appointed as such by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Anthony J. Haswell, of Bennington; No. 3, Chester Stephens, of Bridport; No. 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, John Bates, of Williston; No. 6, Harry W. Carpenter, of Montpelier; No. 7, John Nason, of St. Albans; No. 8, Ebenezer

Huntington, of Acton; No. 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; No. 10, William Hidden, of Craftsbury; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

Brother Nathan B. Haswell introduced the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, Under the existing state of the Anti-Masonic excitement, there has been but little Masonic business transacted in the several Lodges in this State the past year; and whereas this Grand Lodge at their annual communication, October, 5831, passed a resolution requiring the subordinate Lodges to meet only twice in the year, once for good order and discipline and instruction in Masonry, the other for the yearly choice of officers, thereby relieving the members from an attendance, except on those meetings; and it appearing by the non-attendance and want of returns to the Grand Lodge at its present session, that they are unable to determine whether the spirit of said resolution has been complied with; therefore

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Masters in the several Masonic districts in this State be requested to visit each Lodge in their respective districts, the ensuing year, and endeavor to see the spirit of said resolution complied with, and also see that the records and papers of the several Lodges are properly and safely kept.

Brother Richardson introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our Rev. Brother Smilie, for his services as Grand Chaplain, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of ten dollars.

Brother Hidden made a report relative to his proceedings with Phœnix Lodge, and presented his account of expenses, etc., in going to Derby, to receive the charter, journals, etc., of said Lodge, which was allowed at $6.26 and ordered to be paid by the treasurer.

Voted, That the demands received of Phœnix Lodge be referred to the Grand Secretary for examination, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. O. Stevens introduced the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be assessed in the sum of two dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, on or before the Tuesday next preceding the second Thursday of October, annually.

Voted, To refer said resolution to the next session of the Grand Lodge, and that the District Deputies make a representation of the state of the funds to the several Lodges in this state, and inform them of the pendency of said resolution.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments by himself for the year ensuing:

W. Luman Rublee, Grand Steward; W. Asa Gaylord, Grand Tyler;

W. John Nason, Grand Pursuivant; W. Jacob Washburn, Grand Marshal; W. Abel Baldwin, Grand Sword Bearer.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished, the same was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

No. 10, *Franklin*, of Georgia.—Publius B. Shepherd, March 6th, 5832.

No 28, *Rising Sun*, of Royalton.—Oel Billings, December 14, 5831.

No. 56, *McDonough.*—Amos Brown, December 27, 5831.

Attest,

ORAMEL H. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

1833.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October, A. L. 5833, being the eighth day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. BARNABAS ELLIS,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ORAMEL H. SMITH,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. J. K. PARISH,	Assistant Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOSHUA DOAN,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. and Rev. ROBINSON SMILIE,	Grand Chaplain.
W. LUMAN RUBLEE,	Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

REPRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

No. 1, *Vermont*, at Windsor.—Charles E. Coleston, M.; John Burnham, S. W.; John Allison, J. W. Represented by John Burnham, S. W. and as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 3, *Dorchester*, at Vergennes.—Philip C. Tucker, M.; Dan Wright, S. W.; William Hartshorn, J. W. Represented by P. C. Tucker, M.; Norman Munson and Thomas Smith, delegates.

No. 5, *Union*, at Middlebury.—Lavius Fillemore, M.; Daniel L. Potter, S. W.; Martin Wood, J. W. Represented by L. Fillemore, M., and Chas. Linsley and C. C. Waller, delegates.

No. 6, *Centre*, at Rutland.—Represented by Moses Strong, delegate.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Nathan B. Haswell, M.; David Russell, S. W.; Socrates Catlin, J. W. Represented by Nathan B. Haswell, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet.—Jonathan Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W.; Asa S. Jones, J. W. Represented by Elisha Allen, proxy for M. and S. W., and R. C. Royce, proxy for J. W.

No. 10, *Franklin*, at St. Albans.—John Nason, M.; Heman Green, S. W.; Samuel Barton, J. W. Represented by John Nason, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 13, *Golden Rule*, at Putney.—Preston W. Taft, M.; James Harris,

S. W.; Jeremiah Ryon, J. W. Represented by Jeremiah Ryon, J. W. and as proxy for M. and S. W.

No. 15, *Federal.*—Avery Jackson, M.; Oren Edson, S. W.; Hiram Kimball, J. W. Represented by Joseph Blodget, proxy for S. W., and by Jacob K. Parish and Dana Williams, delegates.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, at Wardsborough.—Peter Hammond, M.; Thomas Baker, S. W.; Pearly Fairbank, J. W. Represented by E. Ransom, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 17, *Meridian Sun*, at Craftsbury.—William Hidden, M.; Isaac Harvey, S. W.; Daniel Dustin, J. W. Represented by W. Hidden, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, at Bridport.—Solomon Mason, M.; John Brainard, S. W.; William B. Benjamin, J. W. Represented by Solomon Mason, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 19, *Cement*, at West Haven.—Barnabas Ellis, M.; Jesse Parkhill, S. W.; Hezekiah Bosworth, J. W. Represented by Barnabas Ellis, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 20, *Friendship*, at Charlotte.—Luman Judson, M.; Elanson H. Wheeler, S. W.; Samuel Fletcher, J. W. Represented by Luman Judson, M. and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 24, *George Washington*, at Chelsea.—Represented by John McClure, Harry C. Welden, Joshua Dickinson, delegates.

No. 21, *Morning Star*, at Poultney.—Samuel Ruggles, M.; Almon Warner, S. W.; Alanson Todd, J.W. Represented by Philo Hosford, proxy for M.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—Lovell Hibbard, M.; Daniel Lillie, S. W.; William Prince, J. W.

No. 31, *St. John's*, at Springfield.—Elisha Bisbee, M.; Philip Safford, S. W.; Jesse Wadams, J. W. Represented by Rev. R. Smilie, as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 34, *Columbian*, at Brattleboro.—Represented by Samuel Elliot, as proxy for Nathan Wood, J. W.

No. 38, *Missisquoi*, at Berkshire.—Samuel S. Butler, M.; John S. Webster, S. W.; Robert Barber, J. W. Represented by Joshua Doan, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 40, *Independence*, at Orwell.—Bishop Bottum, S. W.; Levi Wilkinson, J. W. Represented by Wait Branch, as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 43, *Eastern Star*, at Reading.—Thomas F. Hammond, M.; Amasa Parker, S. W.; John Wakefield, J. W. Represented by Benjamin Sawyer, Jr., as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 45, *King Hiram*, at Waitsfield.—Joseph Sawyer, M.; Frederick Richardson, S. W.; Cephas Carpenter, J. W. Represented by Jason Carpenter, as proxy for M. and J. W.; Levi Smith, proxy for S. W.

No. 47, *Central*, at Townshend.—Ebenezer Huntington, M.; LaFayette Marsh, S. W.; Leonard Farr, J. W. Represented by Peter R. Taft, as proxy for J. W., M. and S. W.

No. 49, *Temple*, at Strafford.—Nathan Young, M.; John Kent, S. W.; Nathaniel Morrill, J. W. Represented by N. Young, M., and as proxy for S. and J. W.

No. 50, *Columbus*, at Alburgh.—Danforth Mott, M.; Jireh S. Berry, J. W. Represented by Joseph Sewell, as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 52, *Rural*, at Stockbridge.—S. A. Webber, M.; Ruel Lincoln, S. W.; Ira Cooper, J. W. Represented by S. A. Webber, M., and as proxy for J. W.

No. 56, *McDonough*, at Essex.—Daniel Littlefield, M.; Solomon Baker, S. W.; Rufus Brigham, J. W. Represented by William H. Prentiss, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 57, *Seneca*, at Milton.—John M. Dewey, M.; Sylvester Ward, J. W. Represented by Warren Hoxie, S. W., and as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 58, *North Star*, at Williston.—John Bates, M.; David A. Murray, S. W., and as proxy for M. and J. W.

No. 63, *Patriot*, at Hinesburgh.—Mitchell Hinsdill, M.; Isaac Sherwood, S. W.; John Wheelock, J. W. Represented by William Hurlburt, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 71, *Libanus*, at Bristol.—Harvey Munsell, M.; John Bacon, S. W. Represented by Harvey Munsell, M.

No. 72, *Seventy-Six*, at Swanton.—Leonard Robinson, M.; James Platt, S. W.; Nelson Ballard, J. W. Represented by Zorastus Fisk, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

No. 73, *Liberty*, at Sheldon.—Isaac Hill, M.; George W. Kendall, S. W.; Henry Chamberlain, J. W. Represented by Rev. Joel Winch, as proxy for M., S. and J. W.

R. W. and Rev. Paul Dean, of Boston, was on motion invited to take a seat in this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Senior Warden was appointed a committee to wait upon him for that purpose.

Bro. P. C. Tucker introduced the following resolution :

IN GRAND LODGE, October 8th, 5833.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is now ready to receive the charters of such secular Lodges as are desirous of surrendering them, and to revoke the powers thereby granted ; and that the representatives of secular Lodges, who are instructed to surrender their charters, at the present communication of this Grand Lodge, be requested to deposit such charters with the Grand Secretary forthwith.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Voted, That the article in the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, requiring the election of officers at 5 o'clock this afternoon, be dispensed with.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.--The Grand Senior Warden introduced the Rev. Paul Dean, who was welcomed to and invited to take a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. John Nason, District Deputy Grand Master, made report of the state of Masonry in District No. 7.

Which report was read and accepted.

Brothers Joel Winch and William Hidden, District Deputy Grand Masters, made verbal reports relating to Districts Nos. 9 and 10, which were accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master made the appointment of the following committee:

On the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, Bros. Phinehas White, Joel Winch and Barnabas Ellis.

The roll of members and delegates was called, and the number of votes determined.

Amherst Simons, a blind brother, presented his petition for pecuniary relief from this Grand Lodge, which petition was referred to Bro. Fillemore *et al.*

The Grand Secretary made a report upon the demands of Phœnix Lodge, No. 10, which was read and accepted, accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the demands, late the property of Phœnix Lodge, No. 10, at Derby, be delivered over to Bro. Rufus Stewart, in trust to be collected by him, and that the amount of money realized therefrom be paid over to the Treasurer of said town of Derby, to be expended in the support of common schools in said town.

Which resolution was read and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation, till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, October 9, 5833. Nine o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

Voted, That the delegates who have appeared and produced their credentials from the secular Lodges be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, provided, however, no Lodge represented by delegates be entitled to more than three votes.

The committee on the petition of Bro. Amherst Simons made the following report:

MONTPELIER, October 9, 5833.

TO THE GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION.

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro. Amherst Simons beg leave to report, that we have had the same under consideration and find that from the peculiar circumstances of his case he is entitled to relief; they therefore recommend that the sum of thirty dollars be presented him by this Grand Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LAVIUS FILLEMORE,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted, and the Treasurer directed to pay the sum therein mentioned.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committee:

On the committee of finance, Bros. M. Chittenden and J. McClure.

Bro. Elliot introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

In Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, convened at Montpelier, October 8, A. L. 5833, composed of the members and delegates of the said Lodge, at their annual meeting, and one specially notified to consider the subject of surrendering up the charter, etc.:

WHEREAS, The public attention has been seriously called to the subject and proposition of reforming or abandoning the Masonic institution in this State; and Whereas, This Lodge, willing to listen to all the reasons and arguments that could be offered for and against the proposition, having carefully and patiently given their best attention to the same, and being induced to believe with the advocates of the measure proposed, and the high and respectable authorities quoted by them, that however excellent, useful and praiseworthy the grand principles of Free Masonry have been esteemed, and in fact are, and that however useful and honorable the institution may have formerly been, in cultivating and extending the generous feelings of friendship, charity, and liberal sentiments among men and nations—still that the day of its utility is gone by; that recent events have brought it into suspicion and public odium that its attribute of secrecy; and its obligations and imprecated penalties are considered by the public as obnoxious to our frank, liberal and republican notions, and to the taste and feelings of the age, and have been barbarously misconstrued and perverted in the outrage upon Morgan, and that it is in accordance with the feelings and wishes of the great body of the people, to have the institution given up and closed forever: and believing with Chancellor Walworth, of New York, that the evils of keeping up the institution hereafter more than counterbalance any

good which in this country can possibly be effected by it, and which determined him, for the purpose of quieting the alarm of the community and preserving the peace of neighborhoods, as well as to prevent divisions in the church of our Divine Master, to recommend that Masons should submit to the reasonable demands of the public, to cease their meetings, and that the Lodges surrender their charters.

We, therefore, convened as aforesaid, do of our own accord, unawed by the sneers or frowns of the world, and uninfluenced by any considerations but those of duty to ourselves and friends, and a due regard to the feelings of the public and the welfare and harmony of our beloved country, adopt the following resolutions and decrees, with a fixed and honest purpose of heart to abide by them hereafter, viz.:

Therefore, it is hereby Resolved and decreed, That each and every charter or dispensation heretofore issued and granted by this Grand Lodge, or under the authority thereof, constituting Lodges within this State, and authorizing members of the Masonic Fraternity to assemble as Masons, and to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise to the degree of Master Mason, be and the same are hereby revoked and annulled, and said Lodges are hereby declared to be dissolved, and all rights and privileges appertaining to the same so far as conferred by us under the authority of this Grand Lodge held for naught.

And it is hereby further resolved and decreed, that each and every subordinate Lodge constituted as aforesaid shall have full power to dispose of any and all funds, furniture, jewels or other property of any kind whatever belonging thereto, in such manner and for such purpose as such Lodge may deem proper and expedient.

And it is hereby further resolved and decreed, that this Grand Lodge, from and after the close of this communication, shall be held to be dissolved and extinct, and the society of Free and Accepted Masons within this State under the supervision and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall cease to exist as an organized and constituted body, and each and every member thereby shall be and hereby is fully absolved and discharged from all allegiance or duty to this Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge, constituted as aforesaid, in its constituted capacity, and shall be free to act in relation thereto according to the dictates of his own conscience and sense of moral right.

The subject of the foregoing preamble and resolutions was discussed, when on motion the Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation till two o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

The Grand Lodge resumed the discussion of the preamble and resolutions introduced by Brother Elliot, and, the preamble having been withdrawn, Brother Haight moved that the resolutions be dismissed. The Grand Lodge was occupied till a late hour in the discussion, and the debate ably conducted by Brothers Elliot, Dean, Beech, Haight, Tucker, Reed, Royce, Linsley, Roberts, Winch, Greene, Strong, White and others.

On the final decision of the question, on motion the ayes and noes were ordered, and stood as follows:

Ayes, 79; noes, 42.

So said resolution was dismissed.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to dispensation, till 7 o'clock, evening.

Half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from dispensation to labor.

Brother P. C. Tucker called up the resolution introduced by him at the commencement of the session, relating to the surrender of charters, which being amended, passed unanimously and is as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge is now ready to receive and revoke the charters of such secular Lodges under its jurisdiction as are desirous of surrendering them at the present time, and that the representatives of secular Lodges who are authorized to make such surrenders are now requested to deposit their said charters with the Grand Secretary, and that each and every secular Lodge be and is hereby authorized to surrender and deliver its charter and records to the Grand Secretary aforesaid at any time previous to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and that all the funds, jewels, furniture and property of such Lodges be left under their control respectively, to be appropriated to such objects as they may think proper, and that the Grand Lodge recommend to said Lodges to appropriate their funds and the avails of their property to the common school fund of this State.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 9, 5833.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION:

Your committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, the past year, having carefully examined the same, respectfully report that they have not been able to discover any matter therein contained which requires the action of this Grand Lodge at their present communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHINEHAS WHITE,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Bro. Tucker introduced the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, October 9, 5833.

Resolved, That the future annual communications of this Grand Lodge, be holden at Burlington, in the county of Chittenden, on the first Tuesday of August.

Voted, To refer said resolution to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge decided to proceed to the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, when on motion it was,

Voted, To dispense with the article in the by-laws, requesting the ballots to be taken; and proceed by nomination to the election of officers.

The following brethren were elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively, for the year ensuing:

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE, of Middlebury,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. BARNABAS ELLIS, of Westhaven,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH HOWES, of Montpelier,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, of Burlington,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. SUMNER A. WEBBER, of Rochester,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. HENRY RICHARDSON, of Montpelier,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. LUMAN RUBLEE, W. GEO. W. HILL,	Grands Stewards.
W. LUMAN RUBLEE,	Grand Tyler.
W. JOHN NASON,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Marshal.
W. ABEL BALDWIN,	Grand Sword Bearer.

The following brethren were nominated and appointed District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing:

District No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; No. 2, Anthony J. Haswell, of Bennington; No. 3, Solomon Mason, of Bridport; No. 4. John Purdy, of Rutland; No. 5, John Bates, of Williston; No. 6, Harvey W. Carpenter, of Montpelier; No. 7, John Nason, of St. Albans; No. 8, Ebenezer Huntington, of Acton; No. 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; No. 10, William Hidden, of Craftsbury; No. 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

The committee of finance made the following report:

MONTPELIER, October 9th, 5833.

TO THE GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION:

The committee on finance beg leave to report that on settlement this day with the Grand Treasurer, they find that there was in his hands at the last session of this Grand Lodge, the sum of $164.14. And that he has

paid out by the order of the Grand Lodge at the last session on proper vouchers.....$ 164 14

To the Grand Secretary	$36 57	
Grand Tyler	4 00	
Grand Chaplain	10 00	
Brother Sheldon	6 26—	56 83
		$107 31
And to Bro. C. Simons, by vote of the Grand Lodge, at the present session		30 00
Leaving		$77 31

Your committee report that they have allowed the following account of the Grand Secretary.

One year's salary	$25 00	
To J. K. Parish, Assistant Grand Secretary	5 00	
Paid G. W. Hill, postage	1 59—	31 59
The Grand Secretary gives credit for amount received of Bro. D. A. A. Buck, to balance his account and interest		$28 21
For dues the present session		1 00
		$29 21

Leaving in the funds a balance of $74 93.

All which is respectfully submitted by

S. A. WEBBER,
For Committee.

Which report was read and accepted.

Bro. Fillemore introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our Rev. Bro. Robinson Smilie, for his attendence during the present session of this Grand Lodge, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of ten dollars.

R. W. and Rev. Joel Winch, of Northfield, was appointed Grand Chaplain, for the ensuing year.

The resolution introduced by Bro. Stevens at the last communication of this Grand Lodge, was called up and referred to the next session.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished the Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, when the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,
Grand Secretary.

EXPULSIONS RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, SINCE THE LAST COMMUNICATION.

No. 16, *Mount Moriah*, of Wardsboro.—Bliss Walker, September 23, 5833.

Attest,

JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,
Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE TO THE PEOPLE OF VERMONT.

The undersigned, officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, impelled by a sense of justice towards their brethren, and a desire to have the subject which has been recently agitated more perfectly understood by the public than they believe it to be, have judged it within the proper sphere of their duties to submit the following remarks to their fellow-citizens:

Several weeks previous to the ordinary annual session of the Grand Lodge the present year, a writer in a newspaper published at Brattleboro renewed the long-agitated question of reforming the Masonic Institution in this State; and asserting himself to be a "Royal Arch Mason," declared his intention of presenting his plan of reform to the Grand Lodge at its said session, to be holden at Montpelier, on the second Tuesday of October. Previous to this communication of the Brattleboro writer, the storm which had agitated the State for several years appeared to be gradually settling into a calm. Most of the local Lodges in the State had ceased their Masonic labor, and but few of them convened at all. The subject of a dissolution had been presented both to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State, and a fair trial of the question in both bodies had resulted in a vote of the most conclusive character against it, as early as the Autumn of 1831.* Whether this decision was a mistaken one or not, it indicated most clearly the Masonic feeling of the State upon the question, and no new fact had occurred to warrant the belief that this opinion had undergone any essential change. The new project, therefore, of the Brattleboro writer, coming from one well-known to have seldom been heard of in a secular Lodge, and who had never attended the Grand Lodge, and presented, also, to the public, as it was, upon the eve of an important State election, in which political Anti-Masonry was the test question of party, carried upon its very face just cause for suspicion. This suspicion, also, was not weakened when the Brattleboro writer brought forward, in the Grand Lodge, his promised project of reform, embodied in a written essay, carrying, in the opinion of many of our members, internal evidence of having proceeded from the most vindictive of our enemies—from a writer who has avowed his willingness to visit us with "good wholesome penalties of fine and imprisonment," for opinion's sake, who honored Vermont with a visit (in the immediate vicinity of Brattleboro), a short time before our recent State election, and who is now a candidate for the executive chair of the State of Massachusetts. Nor did

*This vote in the Grand Lodge was 99 to 19.

it tend to weaken this suspicion, that the project presented was not one of reform, merely, but of an entire dissolution of all our lodges. Notwithstanding, however, every objection, the Grand Lodge gave the subject a calm, deliberate and dispassionate hearing; an entire day was occupied in discussion, and the decision against it, by a vote of nearly two to one, is already before the public.

The undersigned are of opinion that the history of the Masonic Institution in this State has not been thoroughly understood, even by many of our own members, and that the much-talked-of subject of Masonic charters has been but very imperfectly comprehended Many, even among intelligent men, have been heard to speak of "the charter of the Grand Lodge" as the subject of consideration at the recent session. The Grand Lodge has not and never had a charter. It is a self-created body, organized upon the same general principles of association as other societies,and was formed thirty-nine years ago, by the representation of all the Lodges then existing in the State. It is governed by a written constitution, under which by-laws and regulations have been made for its convenience. It owes no allegiance to, and holds no charter from, any other power, but is governed solely by laws of its own creation.

Previous to the month of October, 1794,there were five organized Lodges in Vermont, two of which received their charters from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, two from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and one from the Grand Lodge of the province of Lower Canada. These charters bear date respectively in the years 1781, 1785, 1791, 1793 and 1794. In four of these charters, presiding officers are named by the Grand Lodges which granted them, and these individually were Nathaniel Brush, Noah Smith and John Chipman, Esqrs. and his Excellency Thomas Chittenden. The representation of these Lodges, in the several bodies under which they held their charters, was both inconvenient and expensive. This gave rise to a convention, which met at Rutland, on the 14th day of October, 1794, and the members of which were Stephen Jacob, Christopher Roberts, William Cooley, Enoch Woodbridge, Roswell Hopkins, Noah Smith, Nathaniel Brush, David Fay, John Chipman, Thomas Tolman and Joel Linsley. By this convention, the Grand Lodge of Vermont was formed and an independent constitution framed for its government. The five old charters were deposited with the new Grand Lodge and five new ones issued under its jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge has existed from that time and has granted in all seventy-three charters, five of which have been heretofore surrendered and the other sixty eight are still in force. By these charters the power conferred is simply to authorize a body of Masons to convene in some town named therein as a regular lodge; to organize themselves by the choice of proper officers; to receive and admit such new members as they may approve, and

to collect funds for the relief of the poor and decayed members, their widows and children; and they are required to keep regular records of their proceedings, to pay reasonable dues to the Grand Lodge, and to make correct returns of their business at the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Neither by the constitution of 1794, nor by the by-laws and general regulations which have been framed under it, has the Grand Lodge reserved the power of recalling charters at its will, and by Masonic usage no charter is ever taken away, but for mal-conduct of a Lodge. Indeed, after granting a charter in good faith to a local lodge of Masons, the palpable injustice of recalling it at pleasure, without or against the consent of the grantees and without any cause of forfeiture on their part, must appear manifest to the least reflecting mind. The right of the local lodges to surrender their charters to the Grand Lodge has been always recognized, and several lodges had acted upon this subject and sent in their charters before the institution became an object of jealousy to the public. To meet this subject at the late session a resolution was early introduced inviting the surrender of the charters of such lodges as wished to give them up; but even those who sustained and voted for the project did not call for the consideration of it, and it remained unacted upon on the table. After the final decision upon the project of the Brattleboro writer the same subject was renewed and a general resolution unanimously passed, to receive and revoke all charters which might be presented for that purpose, and also empowering the secretary to receive them when the Grand Lodge should not be in session. No charter was brought forward for surrender—not even that of the lodge represented by the mover of the project.

The majority of the Grand Lodge who voted against a surrender, undoubtedly voted upon the principle that they had no right to assume any control over the subject. They have left the responsibility of acting in the only hands where it could be justly placed, the individual Lodges themselves. It ought also to be here remarked, that to remove all objections which might arise as to the property of the Lodges, and which by their demise, would belong to the Grand Lodge, all claim thereto has been relinquished, and the Grand Lodge has recommended the appropriation of the avails of such property to the common school fund of the State.

The undersigned have no hesitancy in expressing their own opinion, that the agitation of the subject of giving up the Lodge charters, upon this occasion, did not arise out of an honest intention to pacify public opinion, by attempting the disorganization or dissolution of the Masonic institution in Vermont! but they have many reasons for believing that the real cause should be attributed to far less honorable motives. The excitement in this State (whatever political anti-Masonic office seekers may say to the contrary) has always been aimed rather at Masons than Masonry. It has always

been upon the part of the movers of it, a war for office; an object only to be affected by turning their war-cry against individuals. Their general attacks upon the institution have been only incidental and subservient to this, to them, more important object. This excitement against men was evidently slackening and new fuel became necessary to keep alive the flame, for the benefit of the agitators. The author of the pamphlets called Masonic Penalties (so highly flattered by Mr. Adams in his letter to Mr. Livingston, and formerly a travelling agent of his administration), held forth in a speech upon this subject, as early as the month of June—the anti-Masonic press soon joined the cry and pretended to change the ground from a war against Masons and Masonry, to one against Masonic organization. This was altogether a new view of the subject and answered the purpose of a "good enough Morgan, until after the election." But when the contest was favorably decided for the agitators and it became really doubtful whether the charters might not be given up, there were many of these men heard to declare that, "if the charters were surrendered it would not be in good faith, but would be mere Masonic policy, calculated in the usual manner of Masonic deception, to bind its chain still firmer upon the community." This idea must have as readily occurred in June as in October, and the use of it by the movers of the project is conclusive proof of their insincerity from the beginning. An election, also, in another State, probably entered into their motives, and that which has answered so valuable a political purpose in Vermont, has doubtless been made to answer its purpose also in Massachusetts.

But supposing, for the sake of argument, that the movers of the project were honest in their motives, the undersigned do not recognize their right to interfere in that subject at all. They have heretofore assumed to deprive us of many of our rights as citizens. We have been declared unworthy of civil or political promotion. The Bench, the Magistracy, the Jury Box, the Halls of Legislation, have been declared situations in which our presence was inadmissible; and as far as our enemies have had the power and dared to exercise it, these doctrines have been vigorously enforced. We know not where these assumptions of power over us and our affairs are to stop. It is but a few weeks since it was resolved solemnly in a public meeting that we ought to be disfranchised. Without the power to protect ourselves upon many of these subjects we can only claim our rights and protest against being deprived of them. Unconscious of ever having entertained principles not held in common with all our fellow citizens; unconscious that the rights of nature, the principles of the social compact or the defined privileges of the constitution and laws of the land, are to be applied to us by a different construction from that in which they are applied to others, we cannot acknowledge the continual interference of our enemies in our affairs as being founded in any correct principle of ethics or of law. Willing at all times to

keep ourselves strictly within the acknowledged principles of the Government under which we live, we cannot be brought to feel the justice of being considered as proper objects for attack and punishment, because we belong to a different society and entertain different opinions from our oppressors. A general crusade against any other society would be considered odious in this land of toleration; although a recent remark—put down Masonry first and Methodism shall follow next—is probably indicative of more feeling, and has in it more truth as to the intentions of some men, than, at the present time, they would be willing to admit. Familiarity with persecution greatly lessens the deformity of its character and what the Masons have been made to suffer and are yet suffering, may, at no distant period, be visited upon the Methodists. The spirit which has already justified the one, would find no difficulty in justifying the other.

The undersigned, having been long connected both with the local Lodges of this State, and with the Grand Lodge, before taking leave of their fellow-citizens, would repeat: That, to the extent of their knowledge, the Masonic institution in this State has never been forced from its legitimate objects of general benevolence and diffusive charity. No interference with religion or politicks has ever swerved it from its appropriate employments. The undersigned are themselves of different sentiments in religion and of different parties in politicks. Two of them had the misfortune to be numbered among the supporters of our now ruthless enemy, during both his contests for the Presidential Chair, although no strangers to his hostility to our institution. To honest men of all sentiments, and of whatever party, we beg leave to say, that the present excitement has more of interest than is generally acceded to it. It is the first general excitement against a particular society which has occurred in this republic, and should it prove eventually successful, will furnish a precedent of the most dangerous character to the institutions of our beloved country.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, *Grand Master*
PHILIP C. TUCKER, *Deputy Grand Master.*
LAVIUS FILLAMORE, *Grand Senior Warden.*
BARNABUS ELLIS, *Grand Junior Warden.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

OCTOBER 21, A. L. 5833.

1834.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Montpelier, on the Tuesday preceding the second Thursday of October A. L. 5834, being the 7th day of said month.

PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. JOSEPH SEWAL,	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R. W. SOLOMON MASON,	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. NATHAN KIMBALL,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. RICHARD FITZGERALD,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. ZOROASTER FISK,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN BRAYNARD,	Grand Tyler and Steward, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOEL WINCH,	Grand Chaplain.

REPRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS LODGE.

No. 7, *Washington*, at Burlington.—Nathan B. Haswell, M.; David Russell, S. W.; Richard Fitzgerald, J. W. Represented by N. B. Haswell, M., and R. Fitzgerald, J. W. and proxy for S. W.

No. 8, *Hiram*, at Pawlet. Jona. Robinson, M.; Jonathan Randall, S. W. and Asa S. Jones, J. W. Represented by Joel Winch, proxy for M. and S. W.

No. 18, *Morning Sun*, at Bridport.—Solomon Mason, M.; John Braynard, S. W. and William B. Benjamin, J. W. Represented by Solomon Mason, M. and John Braynard, S. W.

No. 28, *Rising Sun*, at Royalton.—Lovell Hibbard, M.; David Lillie, S. W.; William Pierce, J. W. Represented by N. Kimball, proxy for M.

No. 50, *Columbus*, at Alburgh.—Danford Mott, M.; Jireh S. Berry, J. W. Represented by Joseph Sewell, proxy for M. and G. W.

No. 58, *North Star*, at Williston.—John Bates, M.; D. A. Murray, S. W.; M. W. Hall, J. W. Represented by John Munson, proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

No. 72, *Seventy-Six*, at Swanton.—Ira Church, M.; James Platt, S. W.; Nelson Bullard, J. W. Represented by Zoroaster Fisk, proxy for M. and S. and J. W.

On motion of Brother Joel Winch, a committee of three was appointed to examine the communications received from secular Lodges and present

the views of the Grand Lodge at this time. N. B. Haswell, Joel Winch and Solomon Mason were appointed, who made the following report:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont has witnessed with regrets the assembling in different counties of the State of Masons called together by a notice or authority new and unknown to the usages of the craft, and in opposition to the constitution of the order; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge deem the assemblage of Masons in the manner above alluded to to be unmasonic and unconstitutional.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last session (whereby permission was given to the secular Lodges to surrender their charters and records, giving to said Lodges authority to retain and dispose of their property and funds as they see fit) was a measure calculated to relieve who wished to retire from Masonry.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do hereby receive, and they instruct their Secretary to receive hereafter, such charters and records as may be surrendered by virtue of the resolution aforesaid, and they order the same whenever surrendered to be deposited among its archives.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge feel it a duty they owe themselves as well as the whole Masonic fraternity to declare, that while its individual members are left to the free and unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments upon the various subjects connected with religion and politics, and the right to judge of men and their actions, they hereby most solemnly declare that Masonic bodies have not the right to connect the institution with the sectarian or party views of either; that any attempt thereat is a gross innovation upon those principles which among good and correct Masons are universally acknowledged, and should be universally practised upon.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do at this time, as they have hitherto done, declare to the world that the object of their association, and motives for continuing therein, are founded upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. They disclaim the right of Masons to inflict corporeal punishment and acknowledge no other right to enforce obedience from its members but reprimand, suspension and expulsion.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to those brethren who incline still to adhere to the institution of Masonry, to continue to cultivate a spirit of good will towards those who may differ from them respecting the origin and continuance of Free Masonry; and while we are ready to forgive those whose fidelity has been shaken by one of those popular commotions incident to our free institutions, we are also ready to judge with candor the motives by which they have been governed.

In presenting the foregoing resolutions, your committee will close their report in the language of one of the late officers of this Grand Lodge, whose labors on earth are finished: We ask you to gaze with us upon the ominous

gathering, which to no eye can be viewless; we ask you to contemplate its swelling aspect, its various phases and its multiform ramifications; listen to its busy notes of preparation and anticipate its maturity of strength, and then imagine its consummation to have taken place; then cast your eye around and see how many have *quaked and quailed*, how many have *fled*, how many have *surrendered at discretion*, and how many have *renounced their faith and armed to batter us down;* then complete the picture, and when you find the smoke and din of the conflict is passed, and the light streaming in upon us once more, not a heart flinching, not a hand palsied, but each and every one still invincible in defence of the *mighty truth.*

If Free Masonry falls, her monument will not crumble, nor her epitaph fade. It is erected upon the everlasting hills, it is firmly planted in the deepest vallies. The widow's prayer of joy, the orphan's tear of gratitude as they ascend, like the dew before the solar influence, bear with them its eulogy and its praise. So long as there remains a fragment of the temples of antiquity; so long as one stone of the edifices it has consecrated shall rest upon another; so long as brotherly love, relief and truth obtain among men, so long will its mausoleum endure. The waves of popular prejudice may beat against it, the shout of popular clamor may be thrown back in echoes from its base, the winds and weathers of time may press upon it, but still it will endure, glory will encircle it, honor will be yielded to it, and veneration will be felt for the hallowed recollections it quickens into action; and hereafter when he casts his eyes over the galaxy of social institutions among men, the philanthropist will involuntarily associate with his subject that other and celestial galaxy, and realize as now from the fiat that has effected the one, so then from the economy that controlled the other, that he will soon have to mourn for a lost Pleiades* which can never more be visible in the moral constellation.

NATHAN B. HASWELL,
For Committee.

Solomon Mason, Nathan Kimball and Zoroaster Fisk were appointed a committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges and made the following report:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, NOW IN SESSION:

Your committee to whom was referred sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges the past year, having carefully examined the same, respectfully report: that they have not been able to discover any matter therein contained which requires the action of this Grand Lodge at their present communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON MASON,
For Committee.

Which report was accepted.

*A northern constellation.

John B. Hollenbeck, William Hidden and Richard Fitzgerald were appointed a committee on finance and made the following report of settlement with Brother Joseph Howes, Treasurer:

Grand Lodge of Vermont in account with Joseph Howes, Treasurer, Dr.

October 9th, 1833, to cash paid Grand Chaplain	$ 10 00
" " " " " Tyler	4 00
" " " " " Stewards	2 09
February 24th, 1834, " " E. and T. Mills, per order	23 40
Balance in Treasurer's hands carried to new account	37 93
	$77 42

Contra, Cr.

By balance in Treasurer's hands on settlement last year.... $77 42

All which is submitted.

J. HOWES,
Treasurer.

The above account examined and found correct.

J. B. HOLLENBECK,
For Committee.

Which report was accepted.

The resolution introduced at the last session of the Grand Lodge by Bro. Tucker for removing the same to Burlington, was on motion amended by inserting 2d Wednesday of January, instead of 1st Tuesday of August, and after said amendment was made, said resolution passed unanimously.

A communication was received from Aurora Lodge, No. 9, surrendering its charter.

On resolution the following charters are declared by this Grand Lodge unanimously to be forfeited, viz.:

Olive Branch, No. 11, Chester; Charity, No. 33, Newbury; Morning Dawn, No. 42, Rupert; New England, No. 68, Pittsford.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when the following brethren were elected to the offices annexed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Burlington,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vergennes,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE, of Middlebury,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. SOLOMON MASON, of Bridport,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. EBENEZER T. ENGLESBY, of Burlington,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, of Burlington.	Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN, of Craftsbury,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. DAVID A. MURRAY, of Williston,	Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. MATTHEW DOOLITTLE, DAN LYON, of Burlington,	Grand Stewards.

R. W. and REV. JOSEPH WINCH, of Northfield, Grand Chaplain.

LEMON JUDSON, of Shelburn, Grand Sword Bearer.

MALACHI CORNING, of Burlington, Grand Tyler.

The following named brethren were appointed District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, viz.:

No. 1, Thomas F. Hammond, of Reading; 2, Anthony J. Haswell, of Bennington; 3, John Brainard, of Bridport; 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; 5, John Bates, of Williston; 6, Chester Nye, of Berlin; 7, John Nason, of St. Albans; 8, Ebenezer Arton, of Huntington; 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; 10, William Hidden, of Craftsbury; 11, Ira Hill, of Vineyard.

The following resolution passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Rev. Brother Joel Winch, for his attendance at the present communication of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of $10 be paid to him by the Treasurer thereof.

The following passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to call on the late Treasurer thereof, and receive from him the amount of money in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, and that he pay the same over to E. T. Englesby, the present Treasurer thereof.

On motion,

Voted, That Brothers Nathan B. Haswell, Ebenezer T. Englesby and John B. Hollenbeck be appointed a committee to receive any monies due this Grand Lodge for their interest in the Masonic Hall, at Montpelier.

The labors of the Grand Lodge being finished the Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, when the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,
Grand Secretary.

1836.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont convened at Masons' Hall, in Burlington, on Wednesday the 13th day of January, A. L. 5836.

BRETHREN PRESENT.

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN BRAINARD,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. LOVELL HIBBARD,	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. W. EBENEZER T. ENGLESBY,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. RICHARD FITZGERALD,	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. CHESTER NYE,	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R. W. JOEL WINCH,	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN MUNSON,	Tyler, *pro tem.*

And opened in due form. The Divine blessing was implored by Rev. Joel Winch, Grand Chaplain.

The usual returns were received from several of the secular Lodges.

Brothers Joel Winch, E. T. Englesby and Lovell Hibbard were appointed a committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges.

Brothers John Brainard and Chester Nye were appointed a committee on finance.

The charter of Federal Lodge, No. 15, was surrendered and deposited amongst the archives.

Instructions were given the District Deputies to receive the charters and records of Lodges claiming the benefit of the resolutions of this Grand Lodge of 1833–4, and also from such Lodges as had forfeited their charters.

The committee on finance made the following report, which was ordered to be placed on record and accepted:

TO THE GRAND LODGE:

The committee on finance beg leave to report that on settlement with the Grand Secretary we find his due from the Grand Lodge, $33.32.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN BRAINARD,
CHESTER NYE.

BURLINGTON, January 13th, 5836.

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges beg

leave to report that we find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BURLINGTON, January 13th, 5836.

JOEL WINCH,
For Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, when the following brethren were duly elected:

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. JOHN BRAINARD,	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. EBENEZER T. ENGLESBY,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM HIDDEN,	Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. RICHARD FITZGERALD,	Grand Junior Deacon.
HENRY WHITNEY, DAN LYON,	Grand Stewards.
Rev. JOEL WINCH,	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN MUNSON,	Grand Pursuivant.
MALACHI CORNING,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master made the following appointments of District Deputies, viz.:

District No. 1, Lovell Hibbard, of Royalton; 2, Anthony J. Haswell, of Bennington; 3, John Brainard, of Bridport; 4, John Purdy, of Rutland; 5, John Bates, of Williston; 6, Chester Nye, of Berlin; 7, Amherst Willoughby, of Berkshire; 8, Lemon Judson, of Shelburn; 9, Joel Winch, of Northfield; 10, William Hidden, of Crattsbury; 11, Danford Mott, of Alburgh.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:

With a view of relieving the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge from the inconvenience of attending the communication in January, A. L. 5837,

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, with such of the Grand Lodge as may make it convenient, be and they are hereby authorized to attend at the hall of said Lodge on the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5837, and adjourn said Lodge to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5838, and thereafter biennially.

Brother Winch introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the District Deputies be requested to make enquiry in their respective Districts, and enroll the names of such Masons as continue

steadfast and willing to adhere to the principles of Masonry, and that they transmit to the Grand Secretary as soon as convenient the list so obtained, which list is ordered to be placed with the records in the archives of this Grand Lodge.

Brother N. B. Haswell introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do acknowledge and will at all times cheerfully yield their support to all constitutional laws declaring that duty to their God and obedience to such laws are paramount to all other obligations.

Resolved, That claiming the constitutional right of peaceably meeting, as Masons have done in this State for more than forty years past, we again declare that we are when convened as well as when dispersed left to the free and unmolested enjoyments of our various opinions upon religion and politics, and further declare that Masons or Masonic bodies have not the right to connect the institution with the conflicting sectarian or party views of either.

Resolved, That we again renew our disclaimer of the right of inflicting corporal punishment upon our members for infractions of duty, acknowledging no other right to enforce obedience to our rules and regulations but that of *reprimand*, *suspension* or *expulsion*.

Resolved, That as all manner of evil is spoken against us we will renew our endeavors to prove by our lives and conversation the purity of our principles and the rectitude of our intentions; when reviled to revile not again; that by thus doing we may overcome evil with good.

Resolved, That again appealing to the Supreme Architect of the universe with a humble trust upon His almighty arm for support, we reiterate and declare to the world, that the object of our association, and motives for continuing therein, are founded upon the principles of *brotherly love*, *relief* and *truth*, the maintenance and support of which shall cease only with our existence.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions are recommended by a sound policy, having for its only object the maintenance of rights guaranteed by the constitution of our common country.

Brothers Englesby and Haswell are continued a committee to adjust the Montpelier Hall business.

The following resolutions passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the District Deputies receive the constitutions, records and papers of such Lodges as have ceased to work, and send them to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Rev.

Brother Winch, for his continued perseverance in the cause of Masonry, and that the sum of ten dollars be paid him.

The Grand Chaplain in a feeling and pathetic manner addressed the Throne of Grace, when the Grand Lodge was duly closed.

JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,
Grand Secretary.

1837.

We, the subscribers, officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, met at Masons' Hall, in Burlington, on the 11th day of January, 1837, being the 2nd Wednesday of said month, and adjourned the same to the 2nd Wednesday of January, 1838, agreeably to a resolution passed at their January 13th, 1836, session.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, *Grand Master.*
E. T. ENGLESBY, *Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

1838.

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge at their annual meeting, 5836, viewing the excited state of the public mind regarding the Masonic Institution, decided to hold biennial meetings, giving to the officers of said Lodge authority to convene yearly and adjourn the same and whereas, at the present meeting it is deemed proper that this regulation be still kept up; that no act or thing be done to awaken public excitement; therefore,

Resolved, That the officers now elected be directed at the next biennial communication to convene and adjourn said Grand Lodge to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5840, and do and perform all acts that may be necessary to cultivate a good understanding with the several Grand Lodges of the United States. And we adjourned the same accordingly to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5840.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, *Grand Master.*
E. T. ENGLESBY, *Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

1840-2-4.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont is hereby adjourned to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5842.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, *Grand Master.*
E. T. ENGLESBY, *Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

BURLINGTON, January 8, A. L. 5840.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont is adjourned to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5844.

NATHAN B. HASWELL, *Grand Master.*
E. T. ENGLESBY, *Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

BURLINGTON, January 12, A. L. 5842.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont is adjourned to the 2nd Wednesday of January, A. L. 5846, unless ordered sooner to convene.

NATHAN B HASWELL, *Grand Master.*
E. T. ENGLESBY, *Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, *Grand Secretary.*

BURLINGTON, January 10, A. L. 5844.

1845.

Statement of Nathan B. Haswell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, on submitting to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a request for the approval and sanction of the proceedings of the Grand Officers of said State :

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS:

BRETHREN :—In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, I submit the following statement, requesting your action, and, if proper, approval of our proceedings during the unholy anti-Masonic excitement in this State. Two of the first Masonic Charters in Vermont were granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and we deem it proper at the present time to resort to her counsel and advice in the important matter of again entering upon the active work of Masonry in Vermont.

STATEMENT.

Previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge in Vermont in 1794, there were five organized Lodges in the State, two of them working under Charters granted by Massachusetts, two by Connecticut, and one by the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the formation of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, these charters were surrendered and new ones granted.

From the first organization of Lodges in this State up to the year 1829 Masonry flourished. The excitement of anti-Masons in a neighboring State spread to ours and such was its virulence that the Grand Lodge during their session this year sent forth an appeal to the public (this appeal was signed by several hundred Masons). A bold charge was made upon us in 1831 and 1833, to compel us to surrender our charters. The manner in which it was met will be found in the printed proceedings of those years.

A resolution was passed in 1833 by the Grand Lodge, giving permission to secular Lodges to surrender their charters. In 1834, the Lodge at Montpelier, while the Grand Lodge was in session, surrendered their charter. A resolution was passed, removing the Grand Lodge from that place to Burlington, and sundry resolutions also passed (see printed sheet, Oct. 7, A. L. 5834). This is the last printed document issued from the Grand Lodge.

The last public election of officers was in 1836, when the following Brethren were elected, viz.:

M. W. NATHAN B. HASWELL,	Grand Master.
R. W. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Burlington,	Grand Deputy Master.
R. W. LAVIUS FILLEMORE, of Middlebury,	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. JOHN BRAINARD, of Bridport,	Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Ebenezer T. Englesby, of Burlington,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington,	Grand Secretary.
W. William Hidden, of Craftsbury,	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Richard Fitzgerald, of Burlington,	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Henry Whitney, of Burlington, W. Dan Lyon, of Burlington,	Grand Stewards.
W. and Rev. Joel Winch, of Northfield,	Grand Chaplain.
W. John Munson, of Burlington,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Malachi Corning, of Burlington,	Grand Tyler.

At this session it was decided that the peculiar situation of the secular Lodges was such, that it required the organization of the Grand Lodge to be kept up, to relieve the secular Lodges, and quiet the public mind. It was decided that under existing circumstances the Grand Lodge should hold biennial meetings, and that the present Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary (who lived in Burlington and near the Masonic Hall), should meet and adjourn the same. Resolutions were introduced at this meeting with a view to publication, but they were never published. The three officers, Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, met biennially in 1838, 1840, 1842 and 1844 and adjourned the Grand Lodge. The next meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of January next (14th). A number of the Brethren from different sections of our State will meet the Grand Officers on that day, and at that time it may be thought advisable to take measures to resuscitate some of the secular Lodges that have proved themselves worthy.

The grand officers desire to proceed with Masonic caution, and although we have not literally complied with the constitution and by-laws (as we could not under the great excitement which prevailed, do), yet we have done that which the necessity and prudence of our position required. We believe it now better to proceed with our work, under our present organization, than to form a new Grand Lodge, as by it we shall retain a supervision over those charters which have been granted under our authority, calling in such as it may be proper to amend, and extending our protection to others.

We have sent no printed publication of our proceedings to our sister Grand Lodges in the United States for several years past, and we hope the statement herewith sent will suffice as an apology to them and to your Grand Lodge. At the triennial meetings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Baltimore, New York and New Haven, I have personally attended and made a report of our situation, which may be recognized by some members of that body who are members of yours.

In conclusion we ask the shield of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to

be cast over us, and her sanction given to our acts and doings as herein stated.

NATHAN B. HASWELL.
Grand Master.

BURLINGTON, VT., Dec. 27, A. L. 5845.

No printed publication has been made of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont since 1834.

At the session in 1836 Bro. N. B. Haswell introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY BRO. N. B. HASWELL, AND ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT AT THEIR SESSION, A. L. 5836.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do acknowledge and will at all times cheerfully yield their support to all constitutional laws, declaring that duty to their God, and obedience to such laws, are paramount to all other obligations.

Resolved, That claiming the constitutional right of peaceably meeting, as Masons have done in this State for more than forty years past, we again declare that we are, when convened as well as when dispersed, left to the free and unmolested enjoyment of our various opinions upon religion and politics, and further declare that Masons or Masonic bodies have not the right to connect the institution with the conflicting sectarian or party views of either of them.

Resolved, That we again renew our disclaimer of the right of inflicting corporeal punishment upon our members for infractions of duty, acknowledging no other right to enforce obedience to our rules and regulations but that of reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

Resolved, That as all manner of evil is spoken against us, we will renew our endeavors to prove by our lives and conversation, the purity of our principles, and the rectitude of our intentions ; when reviled, to revile not again, that by this doing we may overcome evil with good.

Resolved, That again appealing to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, with an humble trust upon His Almighty Arm for support, we reiterate and declare to the world, that the object of our association and motives for continuing therein are founded upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, the maintenance and support of which shall cease only with our existence.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions are recommended by a sound policy, having for its object the maintenance of rights guaranteed to us by the constitution of our common country.

The foregoing statement and resolutions were forwarded to Bro. C. W.

Moore, Boston, Mass., by Bro. N. B. Haswell, December 27th, A. L. 5845. A copy of his letter was as follows:

BURLINGTON, VT., December 27th, A. L. 5845.

BROTHER MOORE:

I forward to your charge a communication and statement in behalf of the officers of our Grand Lodge, which please examine before presenting it and do for us what you think proper to be done in the case.

I find many of our brethren are wishing to again resume the work of Masonry in Vermont, and it is desirable it should be done under our present organization. Our having made provision for keeping up our organization varies our case from that of Michigan, and as we are willing to place ourselves under the shield and protection of the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States previous to our again commencing work under our organization, I trust her healing power, if any should be required, will most cheerfully and fraternally be extended to us.

Not being apprized of the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I have taken the liberty to send you this communication and documents, and we request you to act as our representative in the matter.

We meet at our hall in this place, on the 2d Wednesday of January next (14th), and shall be happy to hear from you previous to that time.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

NATHAN B. HASWELL.

The following is a copy of the letter written by Brother N. B. Haswell, calling a meeting of the Grand Lodge officers, as referred to in the foregoing document.

BURLINGTON, December 28th, 1845.

BROTHER:

A meeting of the officers of the Grand Lodge will be held at Masons' Hall, in this place, on the 2d Wednesday of January next (14th), at 9 o'clock, A. M.

We shall feel happy in meeting you and other Brethren at that time to consult on our Masonic interests.

We think it not best to issue any public notice, as we wish not to give alarm, or see any but true and faithful Masons. To such in your vicinity please communicate this information and let me know if it will be convenient for you to attend.

Yours, fraternally,

NATHAN B. HASWELL.

The foregoing letter went by mail to John M. Weeks, Salisbury; Lavius Fillemore, New Haven; Samuel Willson, Vergennes; John Brainard, Bridport; John Roberts, Townshend; John Burnham, Windsor; John Nason, St. Albans; Dr. S. Butler, Berkshire; Derastus Fiske, Swanton; Lowell Hibbard, Royalton; Rev. Joel Winch, Northfield; Wm. Hidden, Craftsbury; Danforth Mott, Alburgh; Amherst Willoughby, Berkshire; A. J. Haswell, Bennington; P. C. Tucker, Vergennes.

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1813	John Chipman.	Martin Field.	Edward Eells.	Lemuel Whitney	George Robinson.	Joseph Winslow.	Asa Strong.	John Smith, Jr.
1814	John Chipman.	Lemuel Whitney.	Phinehas White.	Luther E. Hall.	George Robinson.	Jonathan Nye.	Solo. Williams, Jr.	Elisha Hotchkiss.
1815	Jonathan Nye.	George Robinson.	Lemuel Whitney.	Luther E. Hall.	Phinehas White.	Jona. Robinson, Jr.	George E. Wales.	John Nason.
1816	Jonathan Nye.	George Robinson.	Lemuel Whitney.	James Farnsworth.	Phinehas White.	Jona. Robinson, Jr.	George E. Wales.	Solomon Williams,Jr
1817	Jonathan Nye.	George Robinson.	Lemuel Whitney.	James Farnsworth.	Phinehas White.	Jona Robinson, Jr.	Silas Bowen.	Samuel Hurlburt.
1818	Lemuel Whitney.	George Robinson.	James Farnsworth.	Phinehas White.	Jeduthun Loomis.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Silas Bowen.	Samuel Hurlburt.
1819	Lemuel Whitney.	George Robinson.	Phinehas White.	Jos. D. Farnsworth.	Jeduthun Loomis.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Elisha Hopkins.	Thomas Boynton.
1820	Lemuel Whitney.	George Robinson.	Jos. D. Farnsworth.	Silas Bowen.	Jeduthun Loomis.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Elisha Hopkins.	Benjamin Smith.
1821	Lemuel Whitney.	George Robinson.	Jos. D. Farnsworth.	Silas Bowen.	Jeduthun Loomis.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Napthali Shaw, 2d.	Benjamin Smith.
1822	George Robinson.	Phinehas White.	Silas Bowen	George E Wales.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Naphtali Shaw, 2d.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1823	George Robinson.	Phinehas White.	George E Wales.	Napthali Shaw, 2d.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Luther B. Hunt.
1824	Phineas White.	George E. Wales.	Napthali Shaw, 2d.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Luther B. Hunt.	Philip C. Tucker.
1825	Phineas White.	George E. Wales.	Napthali Shaw, 2d.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Luther B. Hunt.	Philip C. Tucker.
1826	Phineas White.	George E. Wales.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Luther B. Hunt.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Philip C. Tucker.	Wyllys Lyman.
1827	George E. Wales.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Luther B. Hunt.	Philip C. Tucker.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Wyllys Lyman.	Dana Hyde.
1828	George E. Wales.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Luther B. Hunt.	Philip C. Tucker.	Joseph Howes.	Oramel H. Smith.	Wyllys Lyman.	Dana Hyde.
1829	Nathan B. Haswell.	Philip C. Tucker.	Luther B. Hunt.	Wyllys Lyman.	Joseph Howes.	Oramel H. Smith.	Thos. F. Hammond.	Sumner A. Webber.

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1847	Philip C. Tucker.	John Brainard.	Samuel S. Butler.	Joshua Doane.	Dan Lyon.	John B. Hollenbeck.	Heman Greene.	John S. Webster.
1848	Philip C. Tucker.	Samuel S. Butler.	Joshua Doane.	Samuel Wilson.	Dan Lyon.	John B. Hollenbeck.	Heman Greene.	John S. Webster.
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REGISTER OF LODGES.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	CHARTERED.
1	Vermont.*	Charlestown, N. H. Springfield, Vt. Windsor, Vt.	November 10th, 1781.
2	North Star.*	Manchester.	January 20th, 1785.
3	Dorchester.*	Vergennes.	May 5th, 1791.
4	Temple.*	Bennington.	May 18th, 1793
5	Union.*	Middlebury.	May 15th, 1794.
6	Center.	Rutland.	October 15th, 1794.
7	Washington.	Burlington.	October 13th, 1795.
8	Hiram.	Pawlet.	February 18th, 1796.
9	Aurora.	Montpelier.	October 22d, 1796.
10	Franklin.	St. Albans.	October 14th, 1797.
11	Olive Branch.	Chester.	October 14th, 1797.
12	Newton.	Arlington.	October 14th, 1797.
13	Golden Rule.	Putney.	October 17th, 1797.
14	Harmony.	Danville.	October 17th, 1797.
15	Federal.	Randolph.	October 17th. 1798.
16	Mount Moriah.	Wardsboro.	October 12th, 1799.
17	Meridian Sun.	Greensboro.	October 13th, 1800.
18	Morning Sun.	Bridport.	October 13th, 1800.
19	Cement.	West Haven.	October 17th, 1800.
20	Friendship.	Charlotte.	October 9th, 1801.
21	Washington.	Brandon.	October 15th, 1802.
22	Lively Stone.	Derby.	October 15th, 1803.
23	Warren.	Woodstock.	January 18th, 1804.
24	Geo. Washington.	Chelsea.	January 18th, 1804.
25	Lamoille.	Cambridge.	October 8th, 1806.
26	Rainbow.	Middletown.	October 6th, 1807.
27	Morning Star.	Poultney.	October 6th, 1807.
28	Rising Sun.	Royalton.	October 6th, 1807.
29	Tabernacle.	Pownal.	October 10th, 1809.
30	Farmers.	Danby.	October 7th, 1811.
31	St. John's.	Springfield.	October 8th, 1811.
32	Blazing Star.	Newfane.	October 8th, 1811.
33	Charity.	Newbury.	October 8th, 1811.
34	Columbian.	Brattleboro.	October 6th, 1812.
35	United Brethren.	Hartford.	October 6th, 1812.
36	Mount Vernon.	Hydepark.	October 12th, 1813.
37	Green Mountain.	Ludlow.	October 11th, 1813.
38	Missisquoi.	Enosburgh.	October 11th, 1814.
39	Social.	Wilmington.	June 1st, 1815.
40	Independence.	Orwell.	October 9th, 1815.
41	St. John's.	Thetford.	October 10th, 1815.
42	Morning Flower.	Rupert.	October 10th, 1815.
43	Eastern Star.	Reading.	October 10th, 1815.
44	King Solomon's.	Rockingham.	October 8th, 1816.
45	King Hiram's.	Waitsfield.	October 7th, 1817.
46	Adonirom.	Manchester.	October 7th, 1817.
47	Central.	Townshend.	Obtober 7th, 1818.
48	Morning Dawn.	Waterford.	October 7th, 1818.
49	Temple.	Strafford.	October 13th, 1819.
50	Columbus.	Alburgh.	October 13th, 1819.
51	Clarendon Social.	Clarendon.	October 13th, 1819.
52	Rural.	Stockbridge.	October 11th, 1820.
53	Masonic Union.	Westfield.	October 10th, 1821
54	Isle of Patmos.	South Hero.	October 9th, 1821.
55	King David's.	Waterbury.	October 10th, 1821
56	McDonough.	Essex.	October 10th, 1821.
57	Seneca.	Milton.	October 11th, 1821.
58	North Star.	Williston.	October 8th, 1823.
59	Social Masters.	Williamstown.	October 13th, 1824.
60	Mount Anthony.	Bennington.	October 13th, 1824.
61	Unity.	Lyndon.	October 13th, 1824.
62	Ancient Land Mark.	Peacham.	October 13th, 1824.
63	Patriot.	Hinesburgh.	October 12th, 1825.
64	Cambridge Union.	Cambridge.	October 12th, 1825.
65	White Stone.	Concord.	October 11th, 1826.
66	Rural.	Plainfield.	October 12th, 1825.
67	Magog.	Coventry.	October 12th, 1825.
68	New England.	Pittsford.	October 11th, 1826.
69	Minerva.	Corinth.	October 11th, 1826.
70	Phœnix.	Derby.	October 11th, 1826.
71	Libanus.	Bristol.	October 11th, 1826.
72	Seventy-Six.	Swanton.	October 8th, 1828.
73	Liberty.	Sheldon.	October 8th, 1828.

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1813	John Chipman.	Martin Field.	Edward Eells.	Lemuel Whitney	George Robinson.	Joseph Winslow.	Asa Strong.	John Smith, Jr.
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1817	Jonathan Nye.	George Robinson.	Lemuel Whitney.	James Farnsworth.	Phinehas White.	Jona Robinson. Jr.	Silas Bowen.	Samuel Hurlburt.
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1821	Lemuel Whitney.	George Robinson.	Jos. D. Farnsworth.	Silas Bowen.	Jeduthun Loomis.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Napthali Shaw, 2d.	Benjamin Smith.
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1827	George E. Wales.	Nathan B. Haswell.	Luther B. Hunt.	Philip C. Tucker.	Joseph Howes.	D. Azro A. Buck.	Wyllys Lyman.	Dana Hyde.
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